

A nighttime photograph of a brick school building. The building is dark, but several windows and the entrance are brightly lit from within, casting a warm glow. The text "VAN WERT HIGH SCHOOL" is visible on the brick wall. The foreground shows a dark, possibly wet, surface reflecting some of the light.

VAN WERT HIGH SCHOOL

EXCALIBUR
1964

Nancy,
To a wonderful girl
with a great personality
and a great sense of fun. Best
friend in the picture
"67"

Nancy,
A real sweet
kid that I am glad to
call a friend. May
your future be bright
and happy. The Lord bless
and keep you. Love,
Jane
"67"

Nancy,
To a real wonderful
nice girl.
in my wonderful
with a wit-
personality.
Lots of Luck
Carolyn
Macy
"67"

Nancy,
To a
girl &
class

Nancy Schumm

Nancy,
a swell of
example of
a fine person
who's got a great
future in store.
Nancy
"67"

Nancy,
a real sweet
girl with a
great personality.
Good luck in
the future!
Lynnda
"67"

Best of
in all your do.
Marian
"67"

Nancy,
in our great
book in class &
girl's book in
class. I hope
you'll be a
great success
in the future.
Sheryl
"67"

Nancy,
One of the nicest girls
I know, with a wonderful
smile and personality
Best Wishes for the
future.
Denny

Nancy,
A real sharp
girl with a per-
sonality to match.
Best of luck!
Horty
"67"

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Angeline Harrington—Editor

Van Wert High School 1964

EXCALIBUR

Our World of



ALMA MATER

O, Van Wert High, the school we love,
Our true devotion we would prove;
Thy traditions gladly share,
Thy noble banner proudly bear.
In our work and in our play
We'll ever strive to lead the way.
School we love, on us rely,
The loyal youth of Van Wert High!

To our dear school whose praise we sing,
We, too, would new honors bring.
For the Scarlet and the Gray
We seek new laurels day by day.
In defeat or victory,
We'll stand as one in unity.
School we love, on us rely,
The loyal youth of Van Wert High!



Van Wert

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FIGHT SONG

We're loyal to you, Van Wert High;
 We're all staunch and true, Van Wert
 High;
 We'll back you to stand
 Against the best in the land
 For we know you will win, Van Wert
 High!

Go crashing ahead, Van Wert High;
 Go smashing ahead, Van Wert;
 Our team is our faith protector,
 Our boys will all expect
 A victory from you, Van Wert High!



All About Our Town

Van Wert, Ohio is one of the most progressive towns in the Midwest. Although basically an agricultural community, it is rapidly expanding in the field of industry; we boast the largest cheese factory in the world. Our industrial development is excelled only by our intellectual and cultural growth; we point with pride to the first county library in the United States, the Wassenberg Art Center, the Community Concert Series, and a civic theater. Recreation facilities are abundant; early philanthropists provided a YMCA and a YWCA, and a grateful community has preserved these institutions and has added many modern resources for our leisure. Most important, our town offers exciting opportunities for the future. Van Wert indeed is an important part of OUR WORLD.

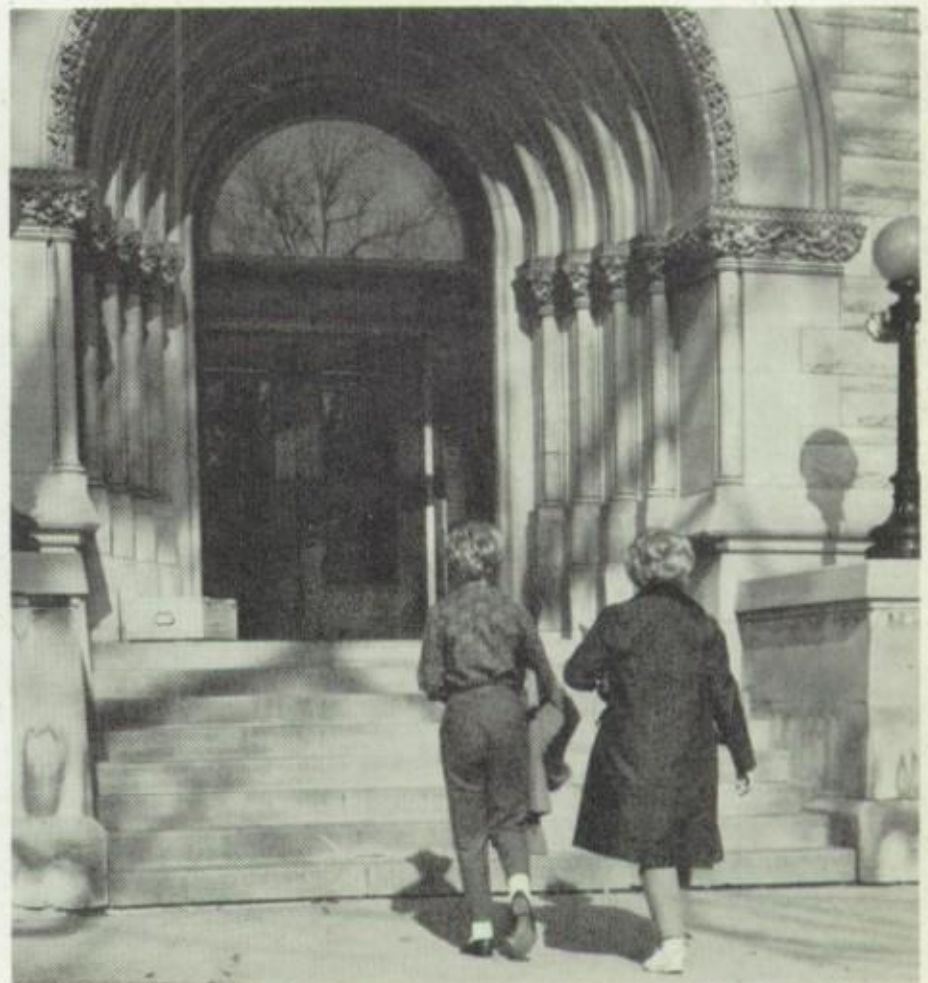


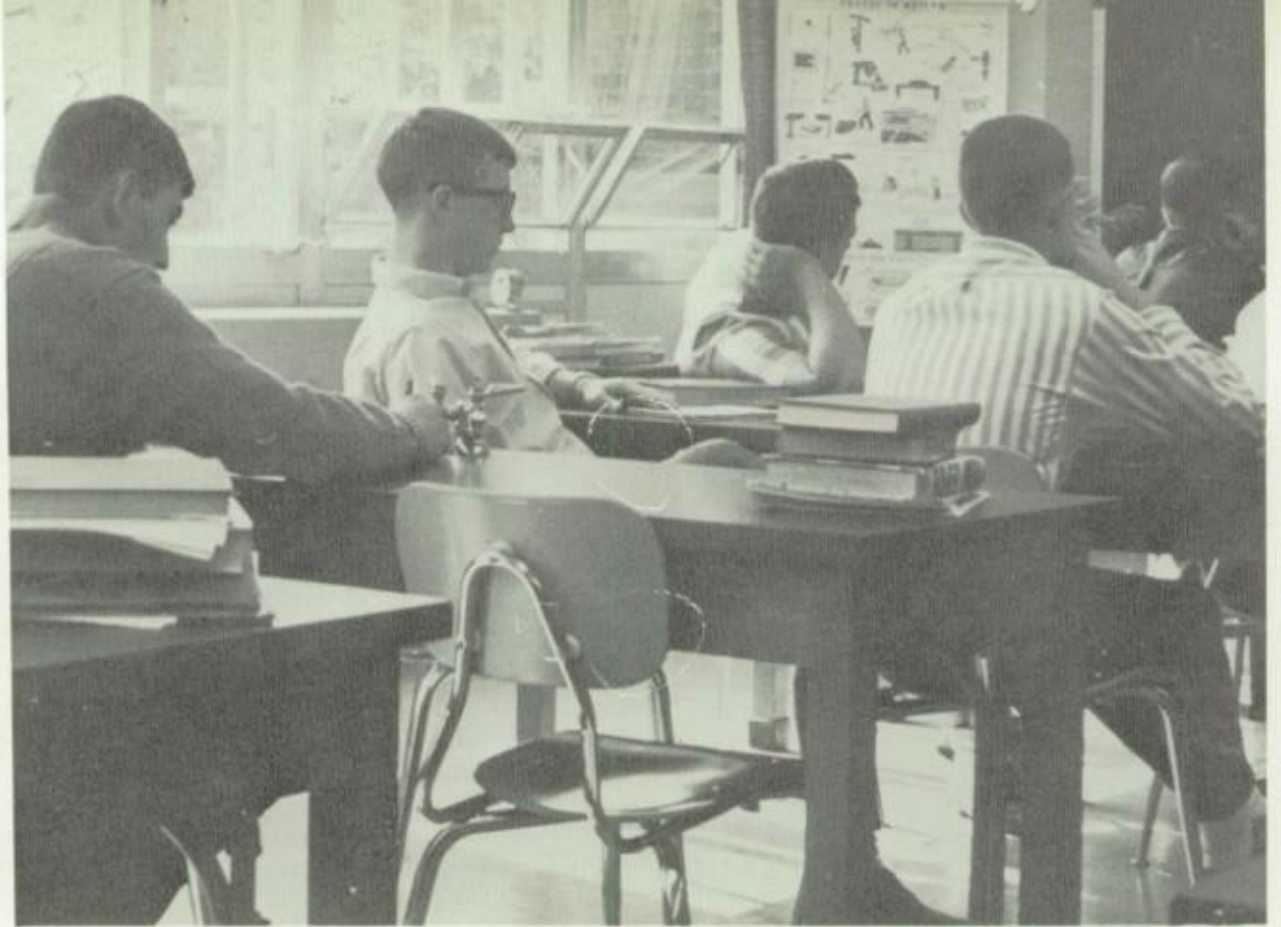


"Isn't that sharp!" Van Wert stores adequately serve the needs of the entire community.



Many hours after school are spent in research work at the Brumback County Library.

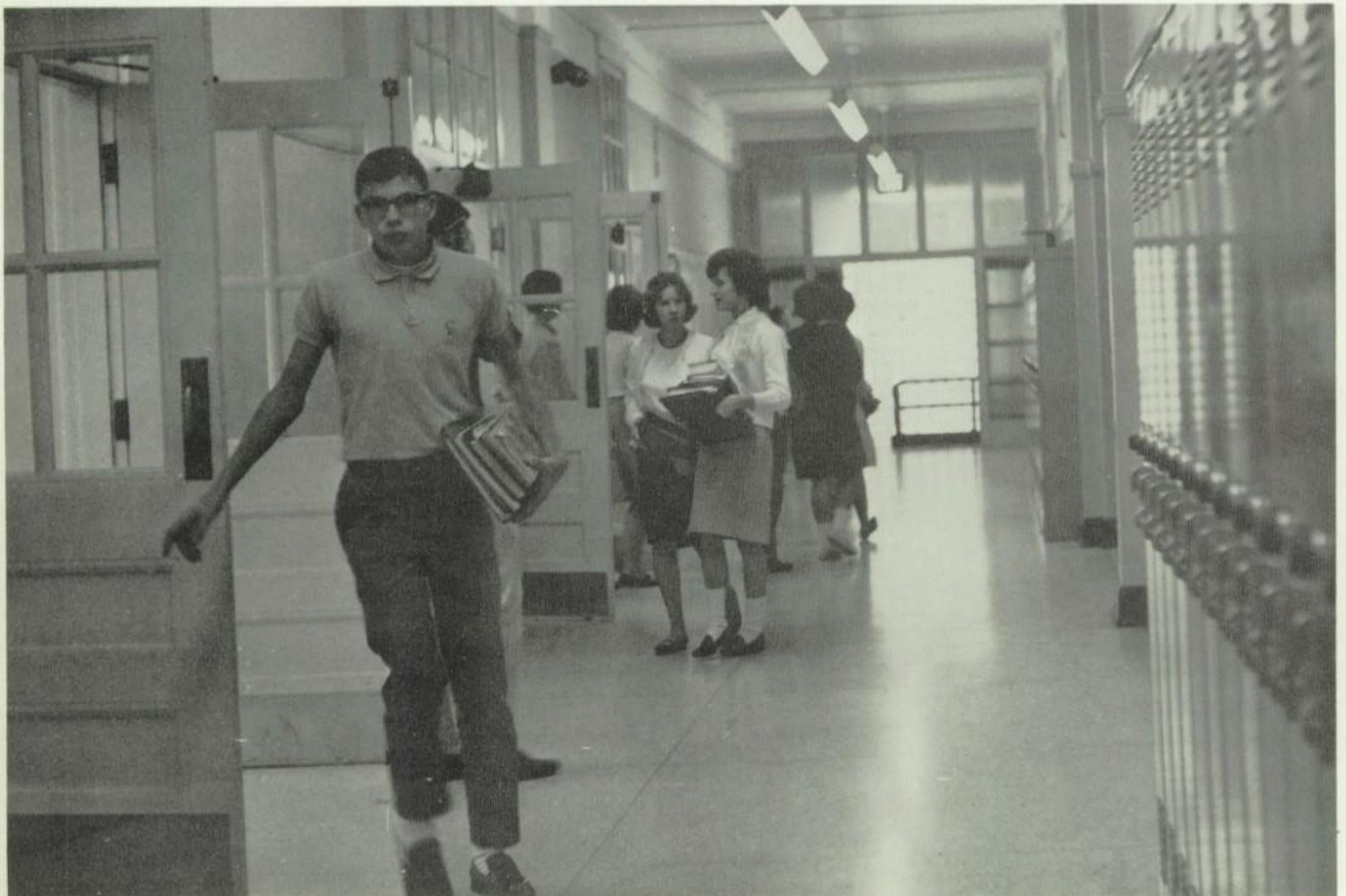




Most of our day is spent in the serious thought which accompanies the quest for academic achievement.

All Around VWHS

Whether your next class is across the hall or at the other end of the building, four minutes is never quite enough.



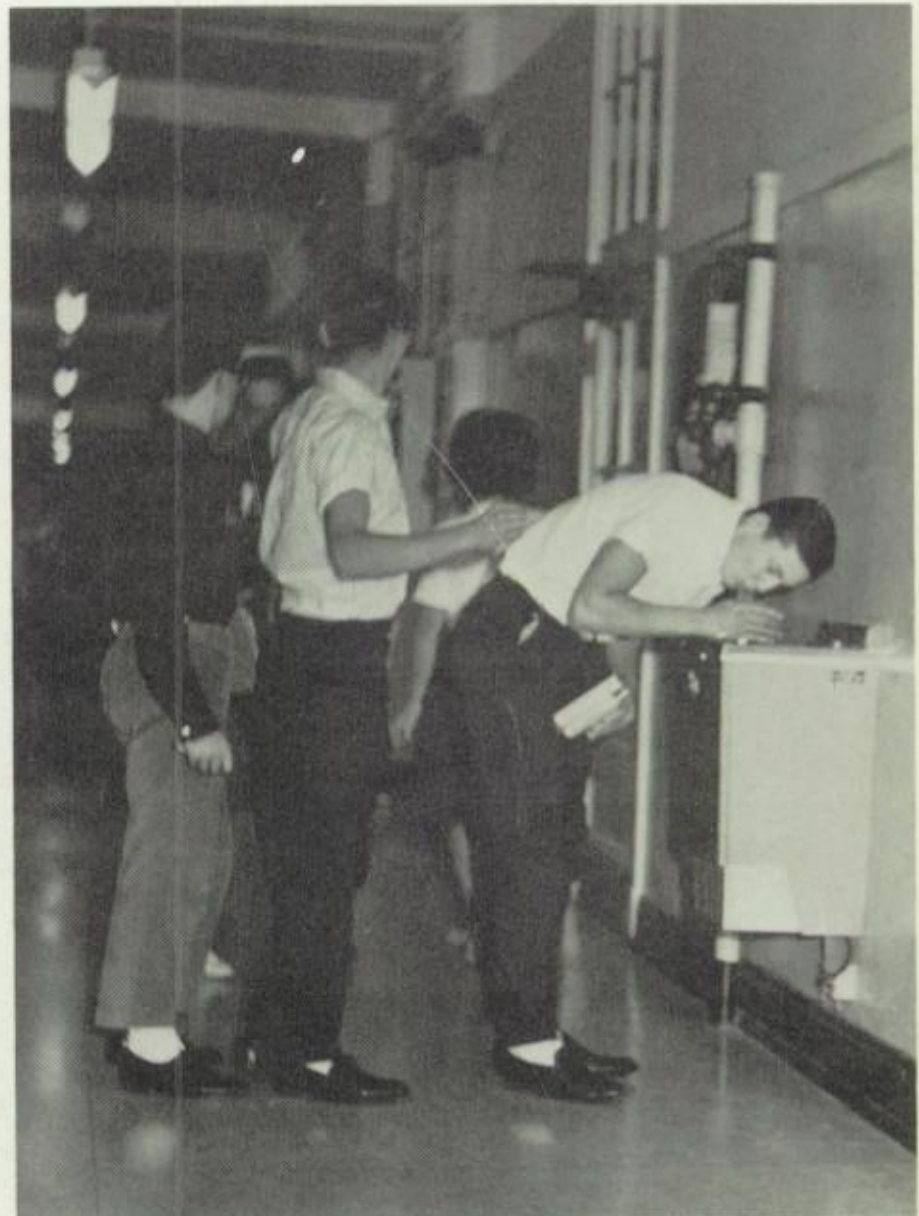
The core of our world is located in a beautiful, modern, red-brick building on the corner of Crawford and Jefferson Streets. Eight hundred and eighty separate egos spend one thousand and eighty hours in this wonderful place called Van Wert High School. It is here we have matured from children to young adults. This is a very important place, because here we are preparing for our future lives. The everyday things we do play a vital part in determining what kind of person we shall become. Our minds are cultivated in the classroom; our bodies are developed on the athletic field; and our personalities are enriched by association with the people around us. Van Wert High School is perhaps at present the most important part of OUR WORLD.



The hub of VWHS is the busy office of our principal, Mr. Vernon Johnson.

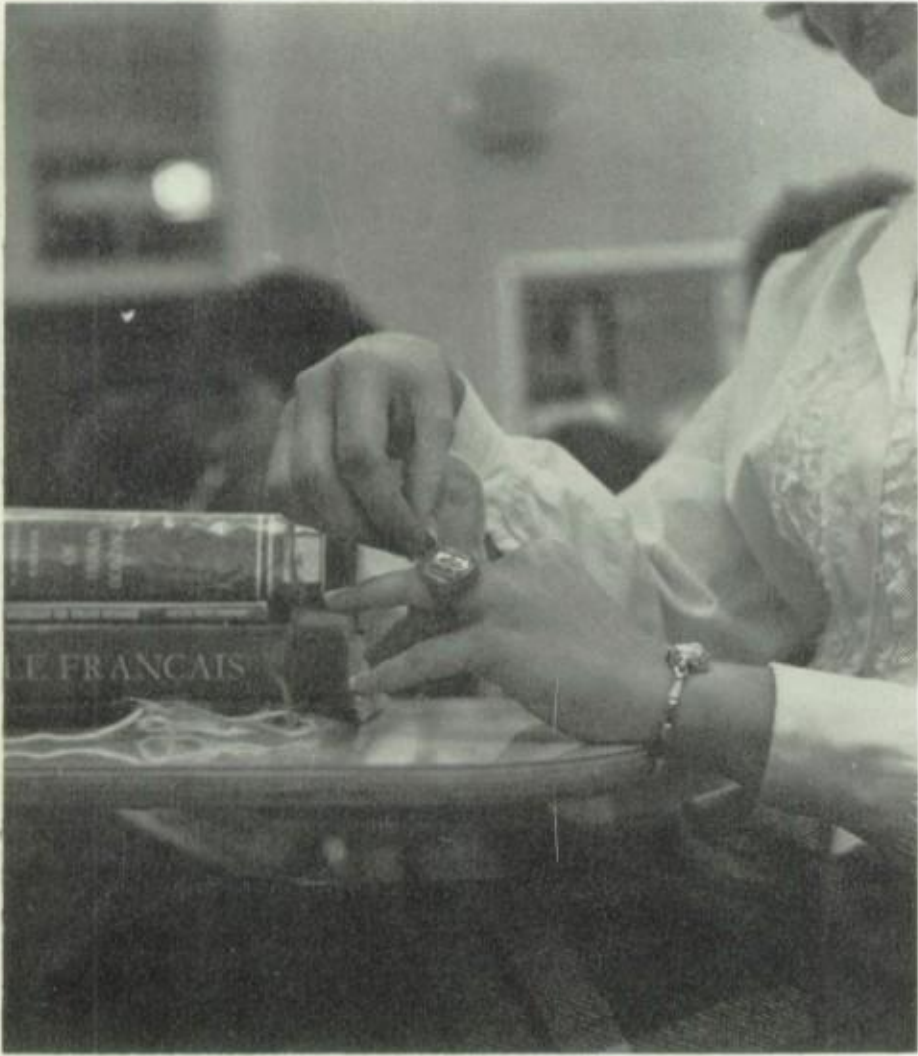


A good student learns to take advantage of his time in study hall.



"Cool, man, cool!"

The Wonderful World of the Young



Some use wax, others use tape. She uses angora. What do you use?

The world of the teen-ager is unlike that of any other. It is a world of carefree happiness strangely mixed with tears and heartache. It is a world of laughing at "elephant" jokes, risking life and limb to autograph a water tower, cheering hysterically for the team, slumberless slumber parties, talking for hours on the telephone, surviving on pizza and hamburger, and drinking Coke by the gallon. But it is also a world of studying under terrific pressures, minor disappointments that seem overwhelming, sometimes wanting desperately to belong, yet other times wanting to be alone. We fear the uncertain future, and secretly dread the responsibilities we must soon assume. Most important, the world of the teen-ager is one of the promise of things to come—fulfilled ambitions, true happiness and success, marriage and children. It is a world of anticipation—it is the **WONDERFUL WORLD OF THE YOUNG**.

We're noisy, we're enthusiastic, we're loyal—we love our Cougar team.

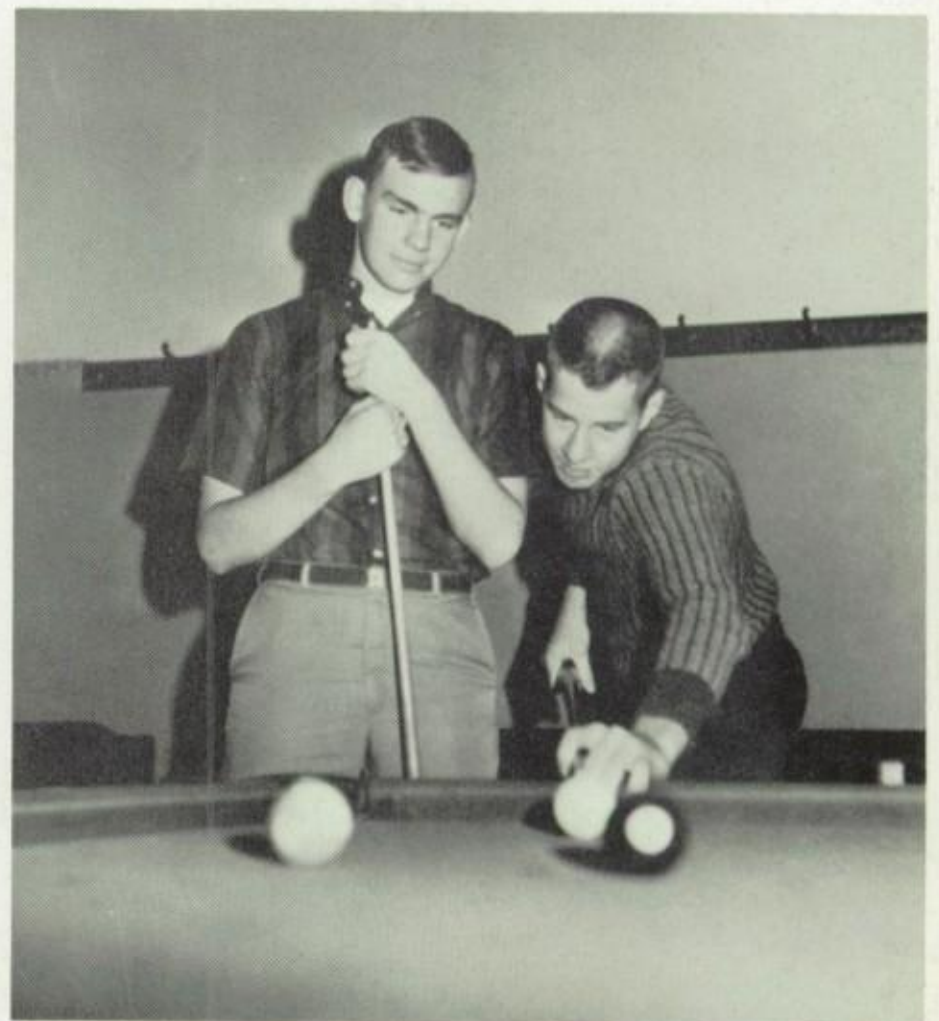




Old or new, it beats walking!



We're just like the weather—unpredictable.



No comment. Just hope it's after 3:30.

EXPLORATION IN EDUCATION

Science and Math Facilities Keep Pace

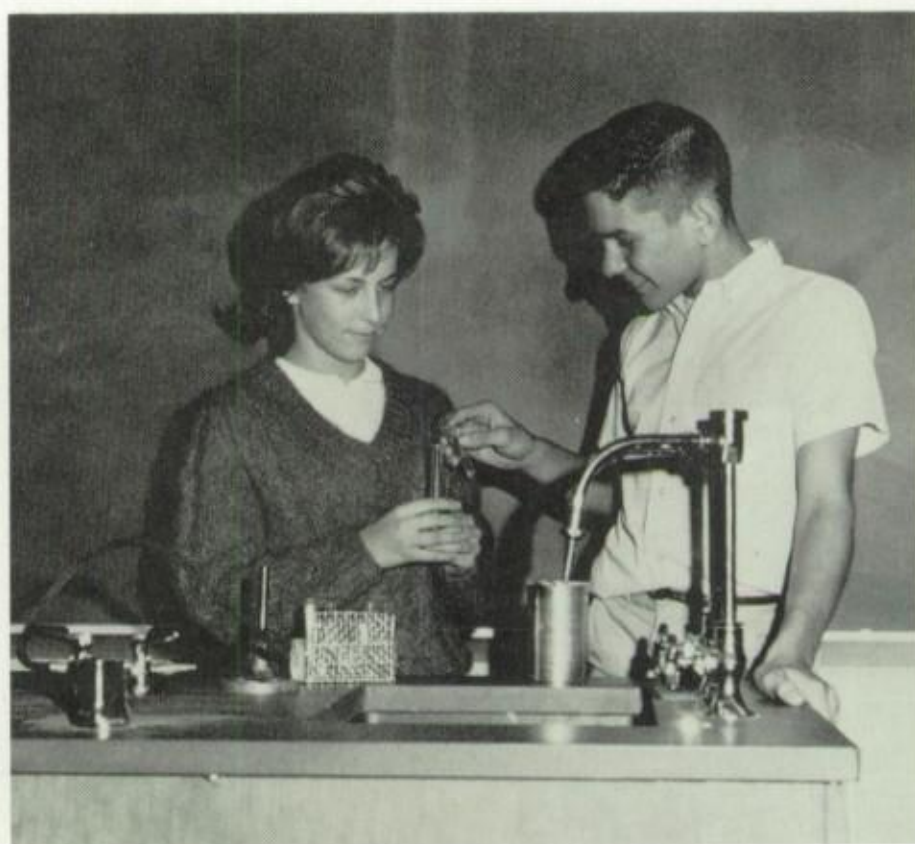


Taking advantage of fine equipment, Nikki Elliott puts her knowledge to use.

The various science courses extend a challenge to learn and practice the scientific method. General science introduces basic scientific principles to the freshman. During the year, he studies atomic structure, simple machines, motors, weather forecasting, prehistoric life, and plants. Students who elect biology, usually in the sophomore year, study the origin, development, structure, function, reproduction, and distribution of plant and animal life. He learns the care and operation of a microscope, a valuable instrument in his many experiments. He applies his knowledge in the laboratory when he dissects plants, low forms of animal life, the earthworm, and the frog. In chemistry, taken mostly by juniors, a student memorizes chemical symbols and valences, studies the laws of gases, works chemical problems and equations, and learns to operate a slide rule. Using this knowledge in the lab, he becomes familiar with lab equipment, the bunsen burner, the graduated cylinder, and many chemical substances. Matter and motion, which include mechanics, light, heat, electricity, and sound, are studied in physics. The senior taking this course spends two periods a week performing experiments such as those involving Archimedes' Principle, the elastic modulus, Hooke's Law, and Boyle's Law. The balance, generator, and pulley are some of his many instruments.



Displaying the true "scientific attitude," Ed Gardner and Bob Hunziker work a typical physics problem.



Linda VanAusdall and Brad Hall conduct a demonstration before the general science class.

With Growing Demand

The mathematics courses at Van Wert High School teach and encourage logical thinking. General math and review math, taken in the freshman and senior years, respectively, review and extend the student's knowledge and ability to apply basic arithmetic principles. In algebra and geometry, the student becomes acquainted with plane and solid figures, the measurement of angles, and the use of radicals and exponents. In preparing his everyday assignments, he becomes expert in the use of the compass and protractor. The advanced math student discovers the basic concepts of trigonometry, solid and analytic geometry, and calculus. All these math courses prepare a student for a career in engineering, medicine, teaching, and accounting.



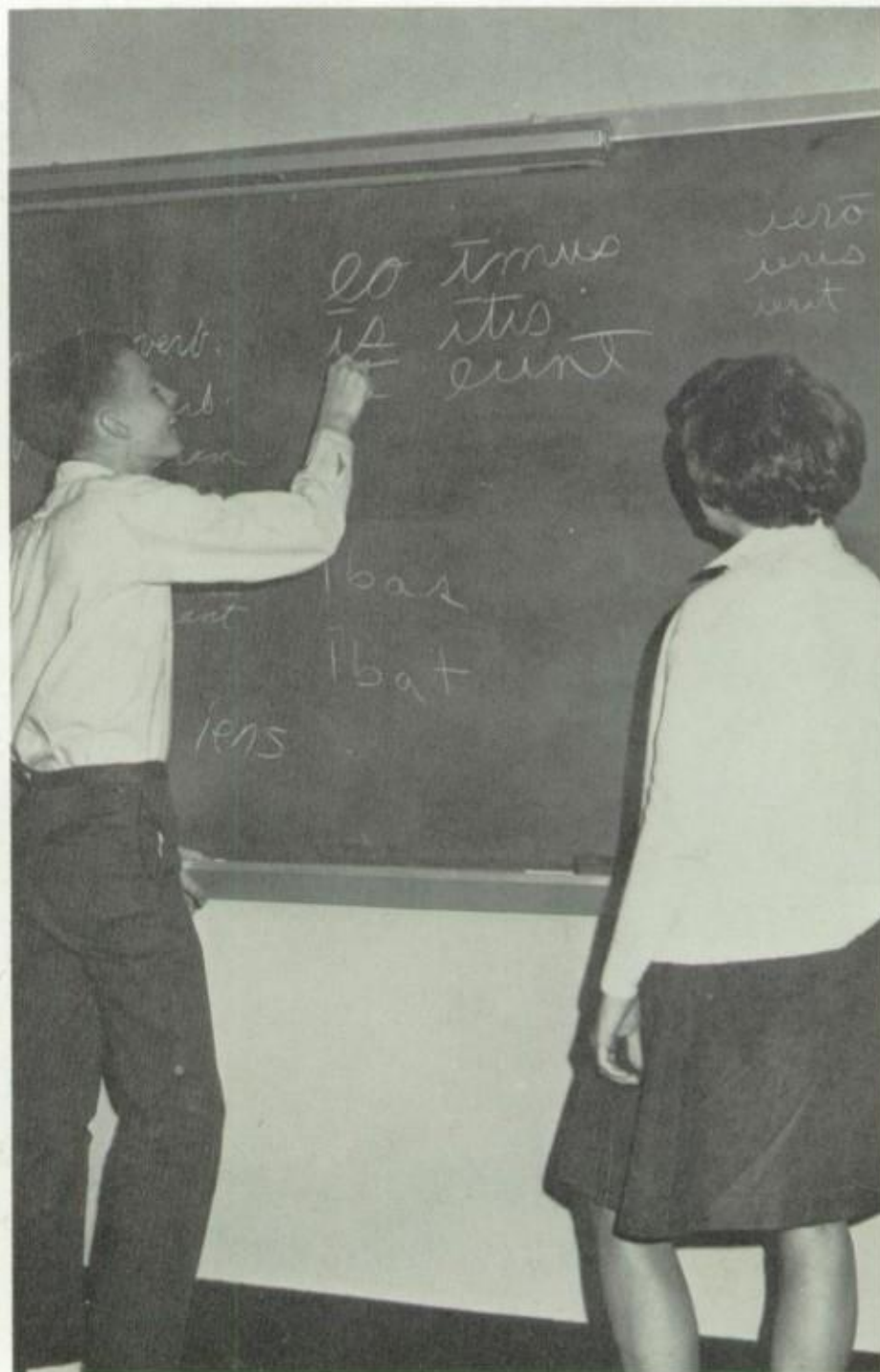
These junior chemists, Susan Harrington and Stan Kephart, view the results in this experiment in evaporation.

Language Arts—We Learn to Express Our Thoughts

Our English Department works to broaden the reading range of its students, to develop their vocabulary, and to strengthen their ability to communicate ideas. English IX opens the door to the classics through *Great Expectations* and *The Odyssey*. For the effective use of the library, all freshmen are required to learn the *Dewey Decimal System*. Sophomores devote hours to vocabulary study, preparing talks, book reports on *Silas Marner* and *A Tale of Two Cities*, and memorizing thirty lines of *Julius Caesar*. After a brief review of grammar, juniors study our heritage of American literature in poetry, short stories, and the play, "Our Town." Senior English is an elective, designed for college-bound students. An intensive study of the construction of perfect paragraphs, the epic, *Beowulf*, attempts at creative writing, and the search for a perfect world, *Utopia*, constitute the curriculum. A vital branch of the English course is speech class, where fears of public speaking are overcome and a study of the theater is stressed.

Although no longer spoken, Latin is the basis of many modern languages, including our own. First-year students concentrate on the cases of nouns, the conjugation of verbs, and derivatives. Caesar's writings on the Gallic Wars present a challenge to second-year "Romans." Reading Vergil's heroic tale, *The Aeneid*, and Cicero's orations comprise the major portion of third and fourth-year Latin study.

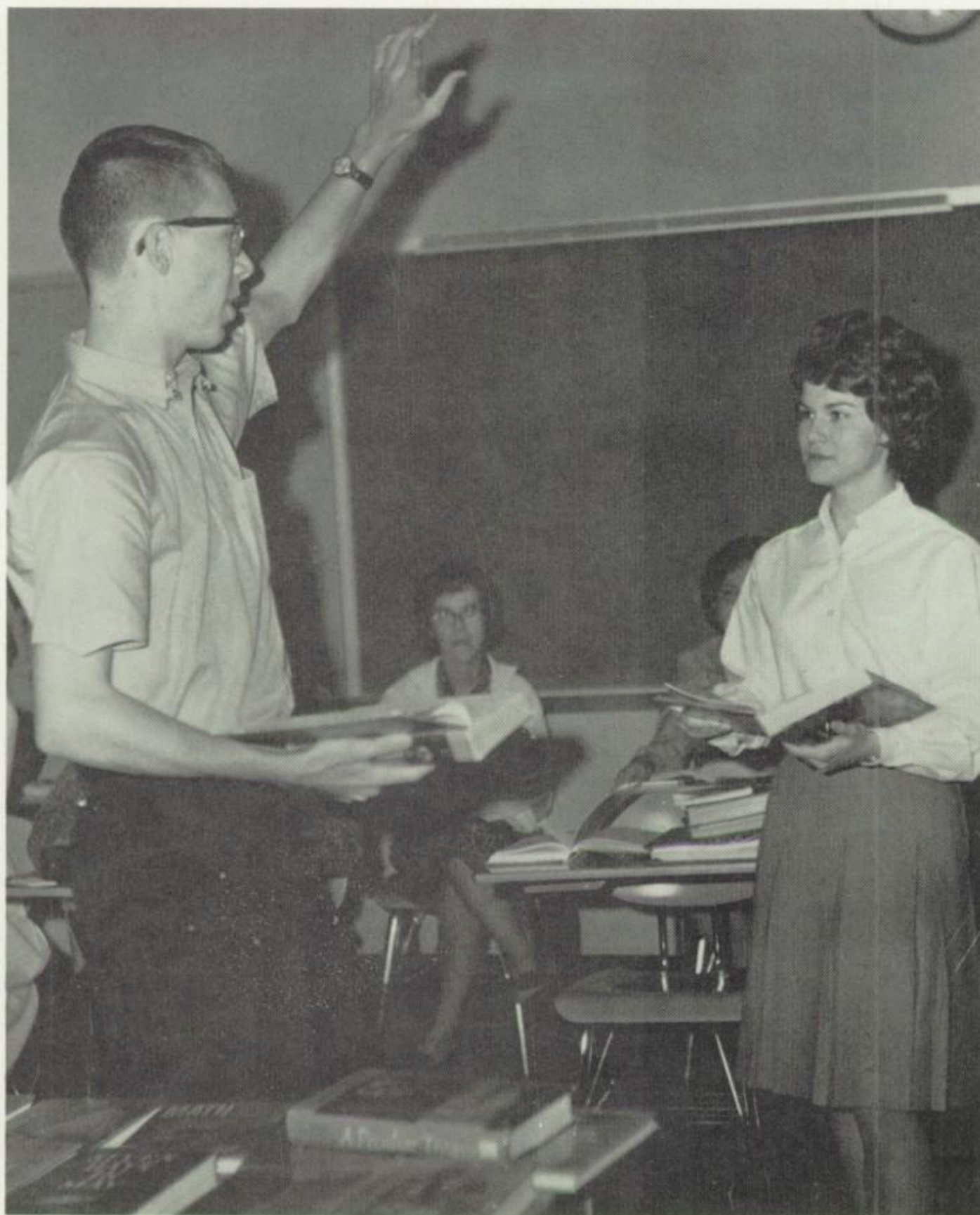
For those who prefer a modern language, a three-year course in French is offered. Most of the first year deals with correct pronunciation and simple conversation. Second-year "etudiants" read some examples of French literature, such as "The Bishop's Candlesticks." Studying French history and culture, and tape recording in the language lab to become proficient in spoken French comprise the final year.



These two Latin students "proceed" to practice verb conjugation.

The language lab utilizes the new approach to correct pronunciation.



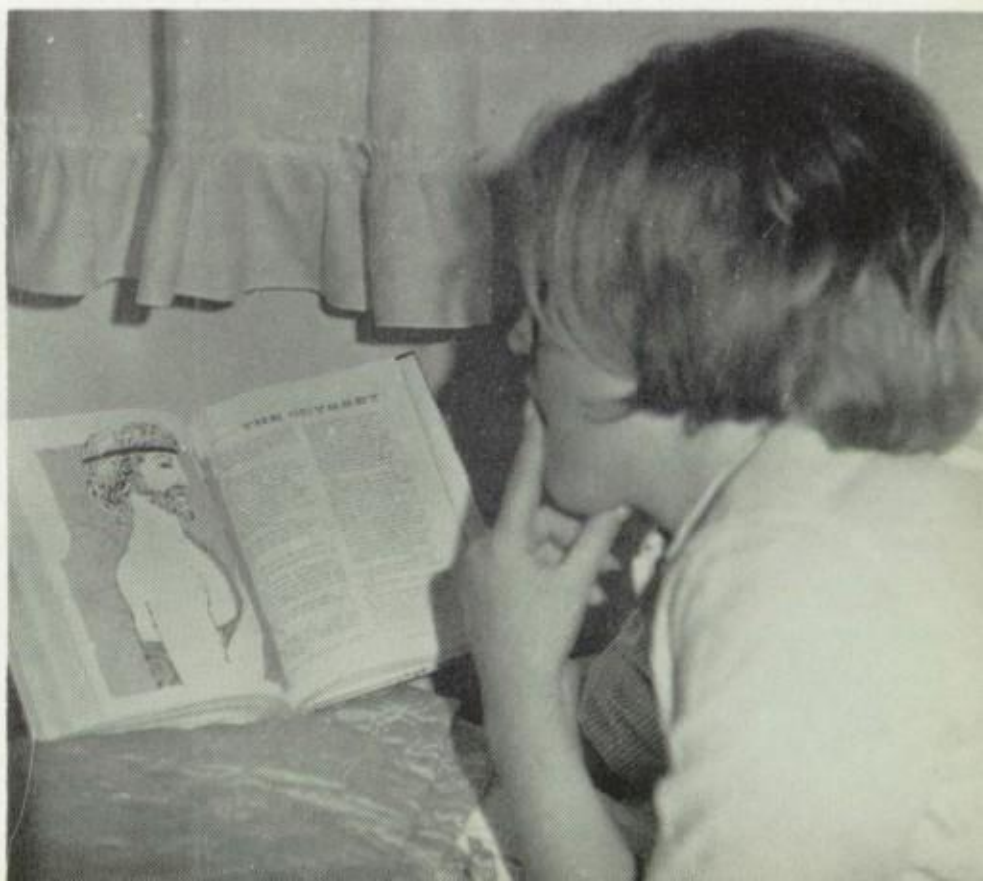


"Rubbish! You shall marry an ambassador, Eliza!" exclaims Dale Poling, as he and Beth Thomas dramatize a scene from "Pygmalion" for a senior English class.

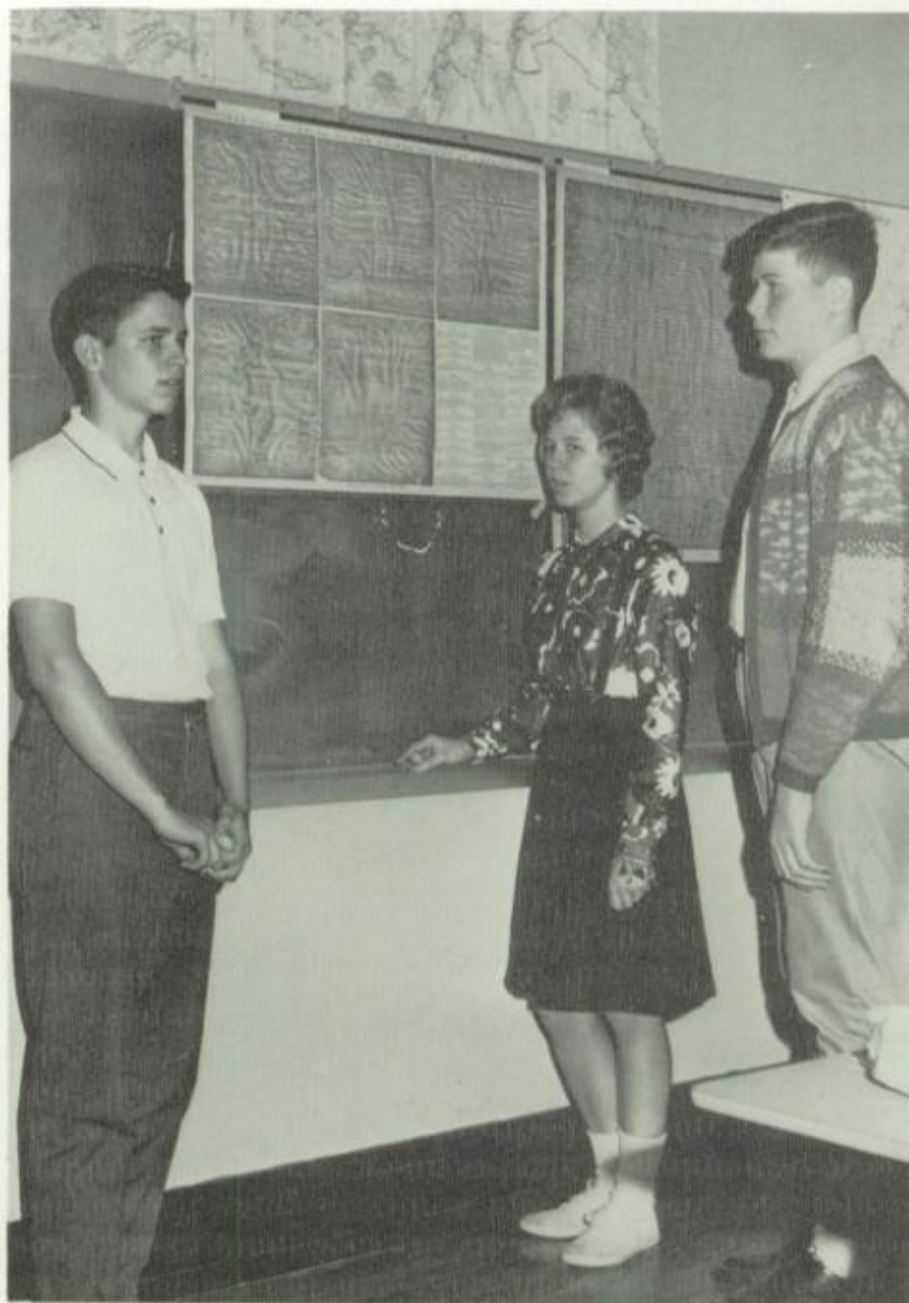
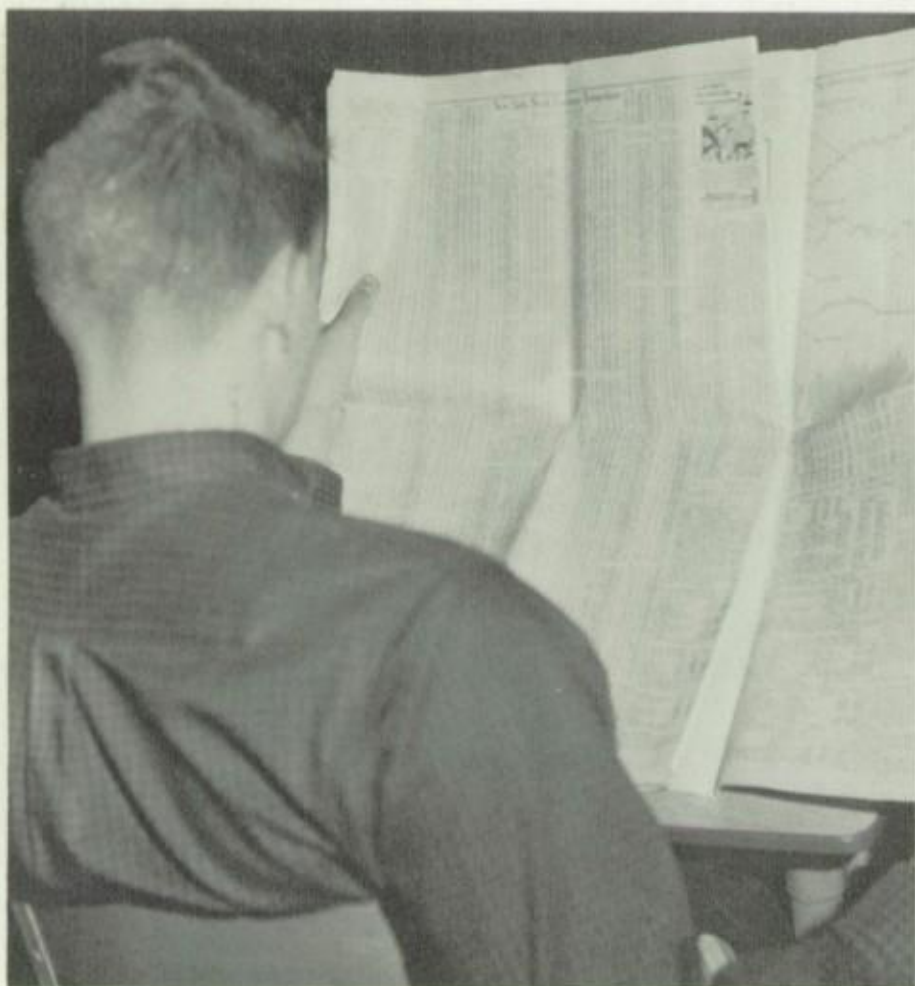
Tom Custer presents a point to his speech class.



"Homer-work" keeps many freshmen busy, including Tina Baltzell.



Tom Schultz checks the fluctuation of his favorite stock.



Marshall McCachran, Linda Faszler, and John McVay explain the principles of the Constitution to their classmates.

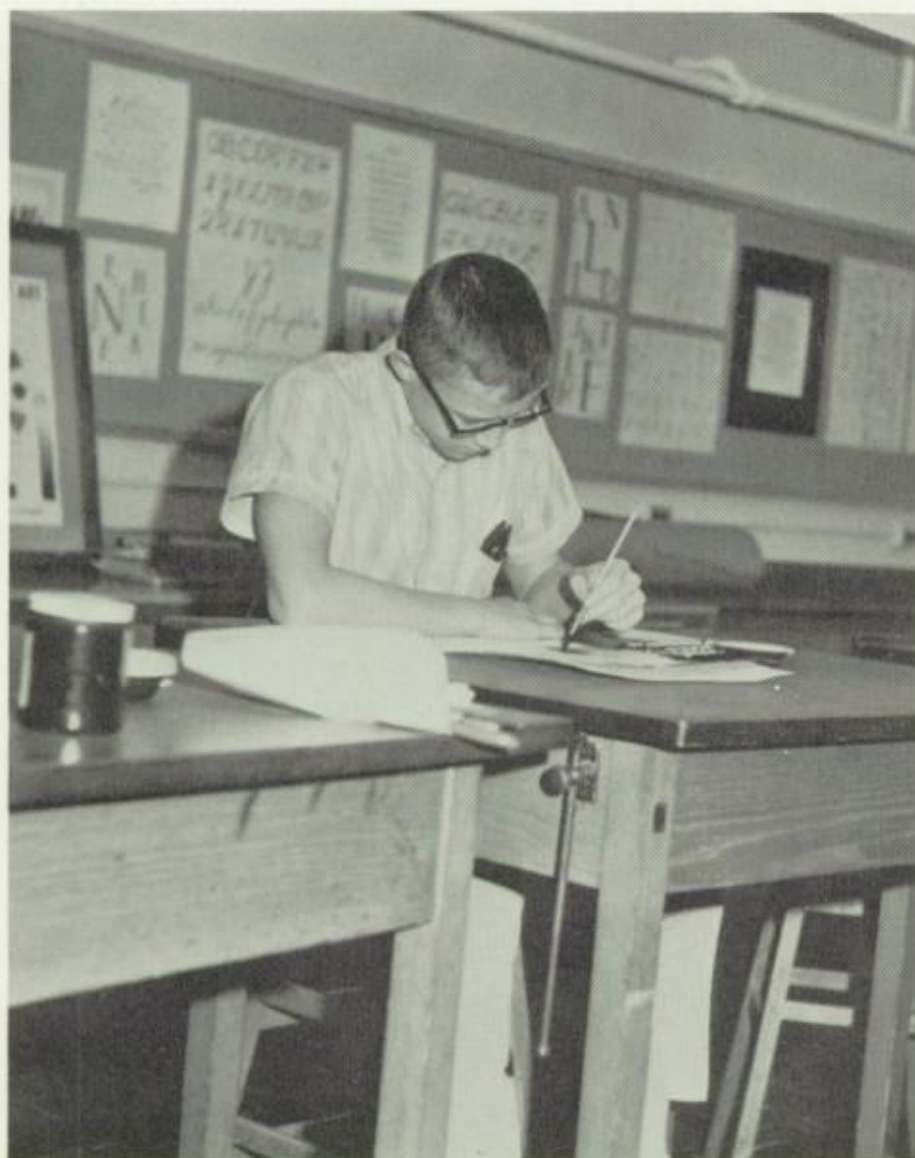
Social Science—The Study of People in their World

The Social Studies Department consists of six courses. Of these, American Government and American History are required for graduation. Students electing freshman social studies learn the fundamentals of State and local government. They learn of the many phases of living in our community. World history entails the study of the growth of our civilization. Pre-historic man, the Renaissance, and the world wars are some of the things which become more real to young inhabitants of the modern world. American History provides all juniors with a deep insight into our heritage. They learn of the fascinating people and events which have contributed to the growth of our great nation, from the time of the Aztecs to the orbiting of the earth by John Glenn. Economics and social problems are each one-semester courses, elected mostly by upperclassmen. The

economics student becomes thoroughly familiar with our capitalistic or free-enterprise system. To gain practical knowledge, he "invests" in a certain company and follows its daily gain or loss in the *Wall Street Journal*. Social problems is the study of human relations, and of living in today's society. Most interesting is the class discussion on topics such as marriage, teenage drinking and smoking, and group influences. The senior studies the governmental functions of his nation, State, and community in the required course of American Government. Lively discussion of Kennedy's assassination, the murder trial of Susan Creech, Barry Goldwater's chances for the Republican Presidential nomination, and the pros and cons of federal aid found its way into our daily sessions.

Art Course Develops Creative Instincts

Van Wert's excellent Art Department aims to develop all the creative talent which a student might possess. The student is acquainted with interior decoration, sketching, portrait drawing, clay works, advertising, modern design, and the cultural background of all art. The student's diligent work finally rewards him when he displays his work at the annual spring show, held in Wassenberg Art Center. The feel of creating, admiration from others, and the beginning of a profitable career, all play a part in the goal of the growing artist of Van Wert High School.



This youthful Picasso creates best alone . . .

Art students assist the Jaycees with their downtown Christmas decorations.



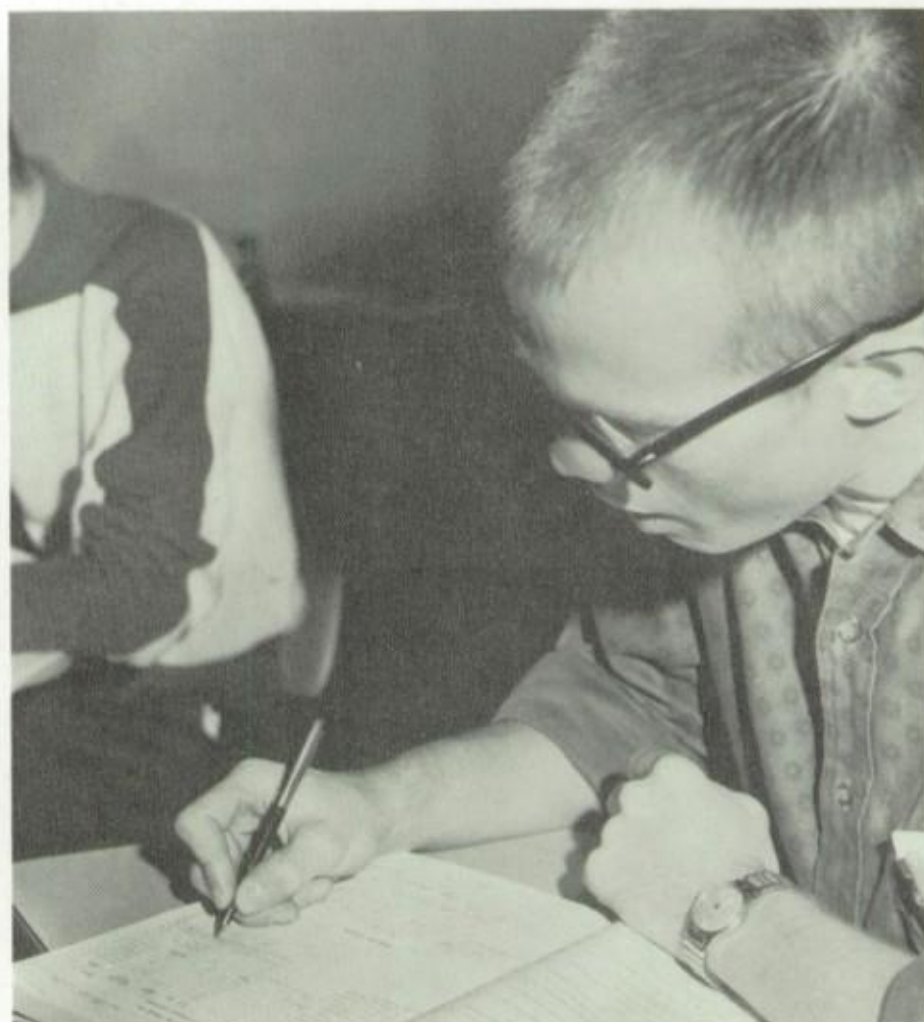
. . . other artists prefer company as they work.



Commercial Courses Prepare for a Career in the Business World

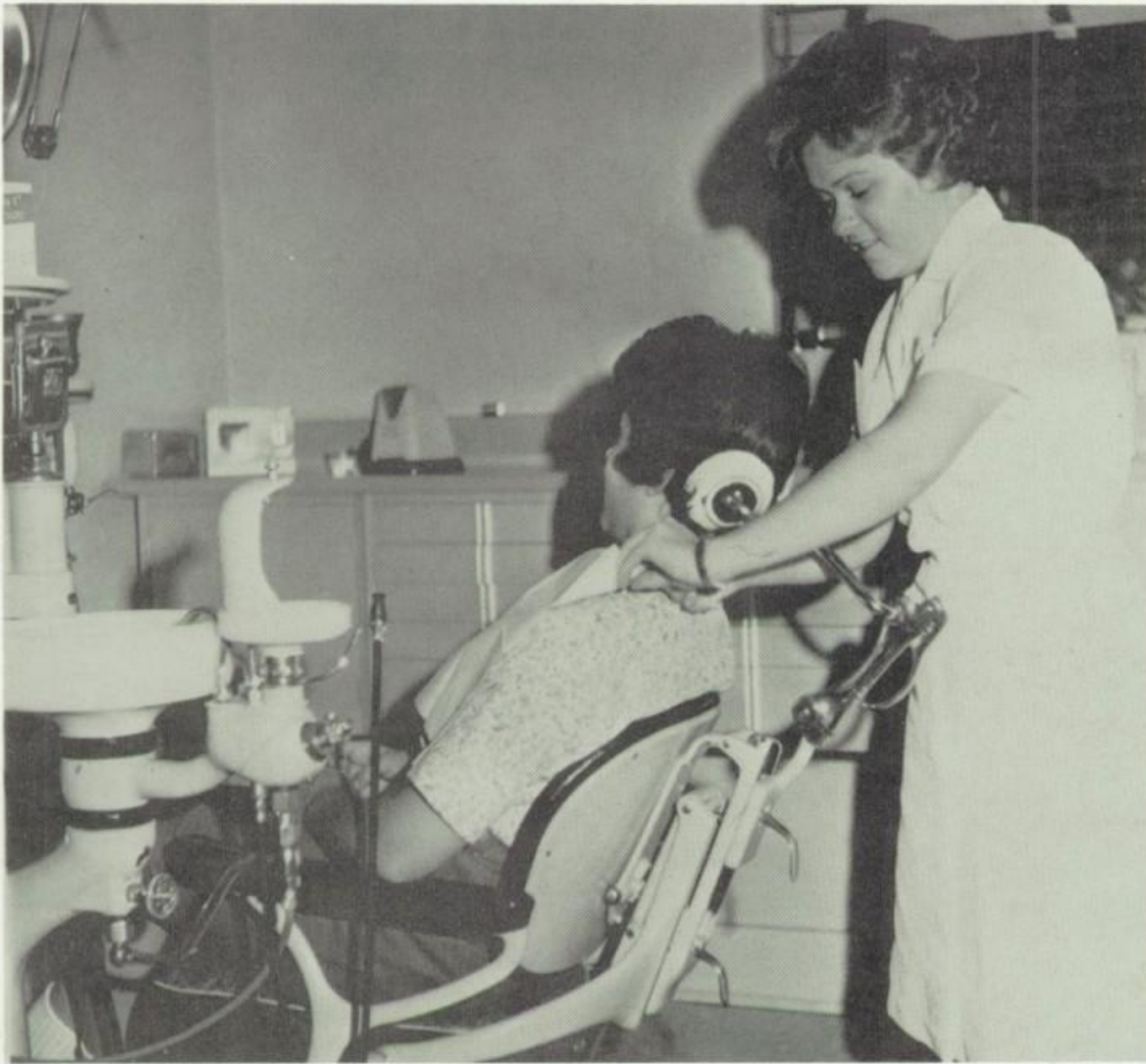
Future practical application best describes the importance of the business education program. The fundamentals and techniques of good typing are taught in Typing I. Speed and neatness are stressed in the second-year course. Shorthand students learn a new language as they study the dots, dashes, and curly lines that form words. As in typing, speed and accuracy are the keys to achievement. The importance of keeping neat and accurate records is accentuated in bookkeeping class. The words, "ledger," "debit," "credit," all become very familiar to the budding accountant. In office practice, future secretaries learn to be tactful and neat while on the job. Training in the operation of adding machines, stencil cutters, and duplicators is taught in business machines.

Neatness and accuracy are foremost in the mind of Gary Frysinger as he fills out his bookkeeping ledger.



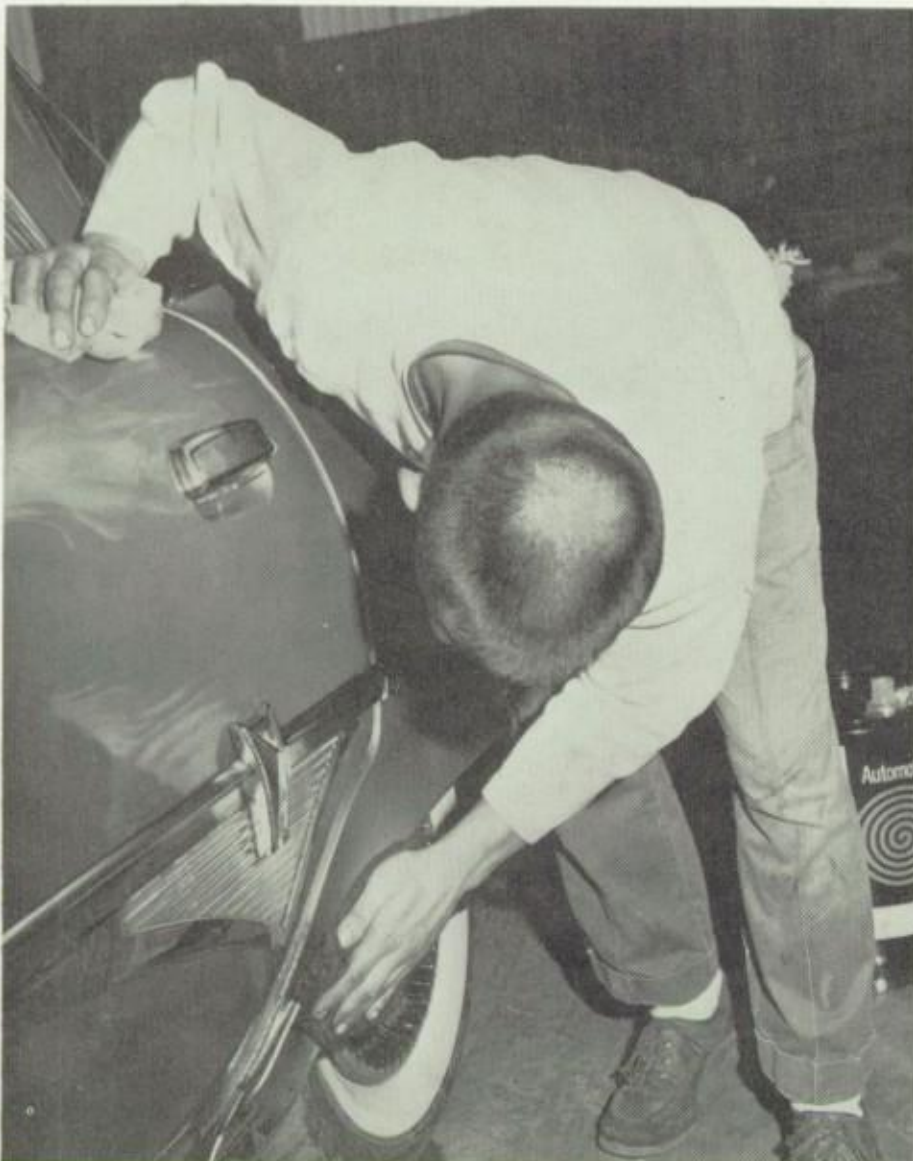
Diligent practice and nimble fingers are required of a good typist.





Cheryl Geisman is preparing for her future as a dental technician.

Vocational Program Provides On-the-Job Training



Students enrolled in the Diversified Cooperative Training Program divide their time between school and a vocation. In the mornings, they attend classes in the required academic subjects plus classroom work in DCT. In the latter, they learn from Mr. Clem how to fill out an income tax form, employer-employee relations, and study in their particular field of training. Afternoons are spent working in actual jobs in area hospitals, offices, garages, and other business establishments.

DCT gives Danny Williams the opportunity to combine his favorite hobby with a profitable job.

Home Economics and Industrial Arts

The ability to sew not only helps this girl to increase her wardrobe now, but will later aid her in meeting the demands of a family budget.



Waffles are on Connie Featheroff's breakfast menu.



Train Future Homemakers and Craftsmen

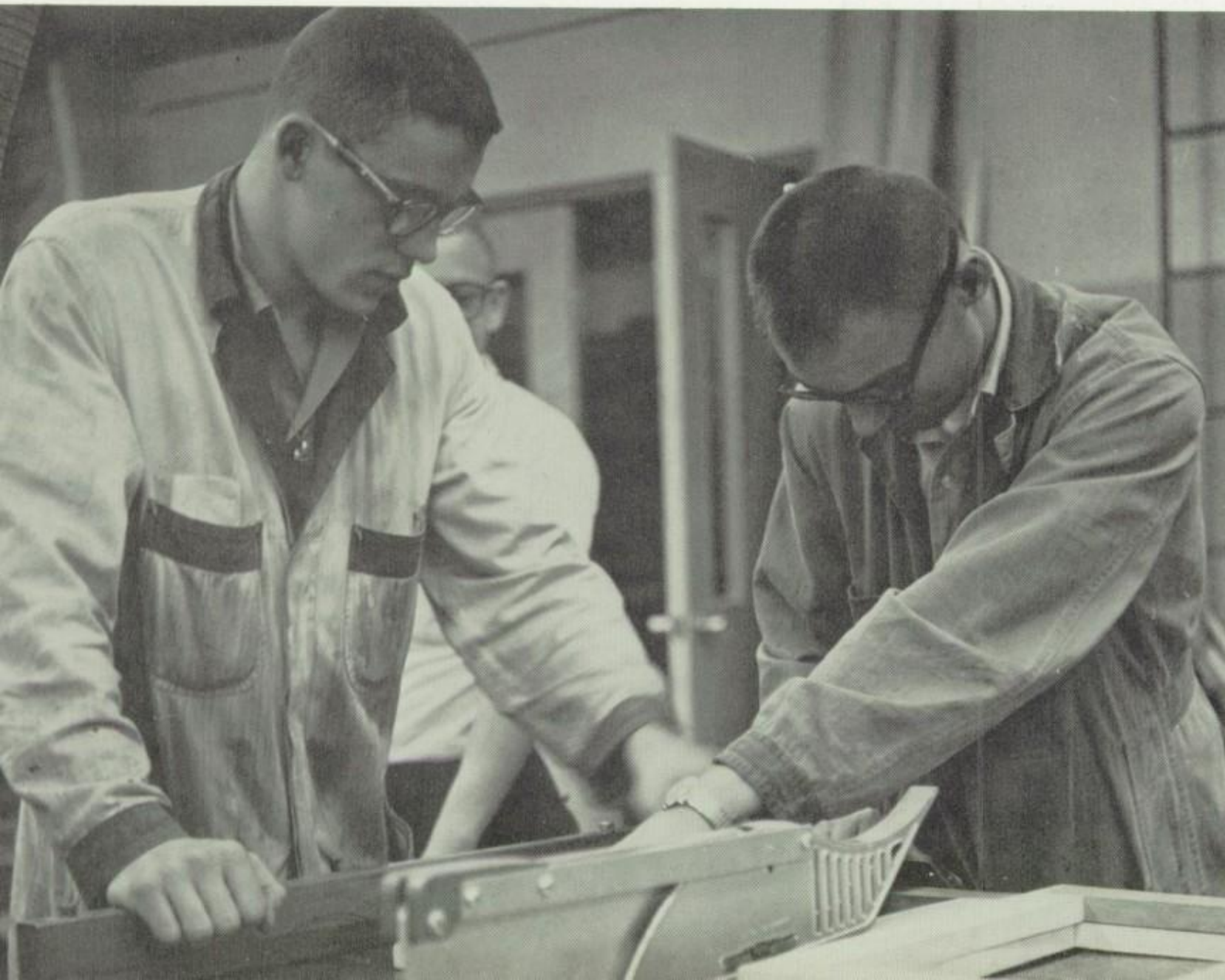
The home economics student is taught everything from home and time management to child care. She also learns culinary arts, garment construction, dress design, and maintenance of home appliances. No matter what profession a girl enters after graduation, she will never regret her home economics training.

Industrial arts includes three areas—wood, metal, and drafting. These courses train a boy not only for a skilled trade by which he might make his living, but also for a useful and interesting hobby. The woodshop student makes various projects which include coffee tables, cedar chests, lamps, gun cabinets, and bulletin boards. Safety is stressed throughout. The boy studying metals discovers the various types and uses of metals. He makes anything from a tool to a popcorn bowl. Drafting prepares for a career in engineering by presenting the basic and advanced principles of mechanical drawing.



Creative work in woodshop teaches Mike Hipsley coordination of the mind and hands.

Cooperation is vital in completing a successful project.



Van Wert Takes an Active Part

in Nation-wide Strive for Physical Fitness

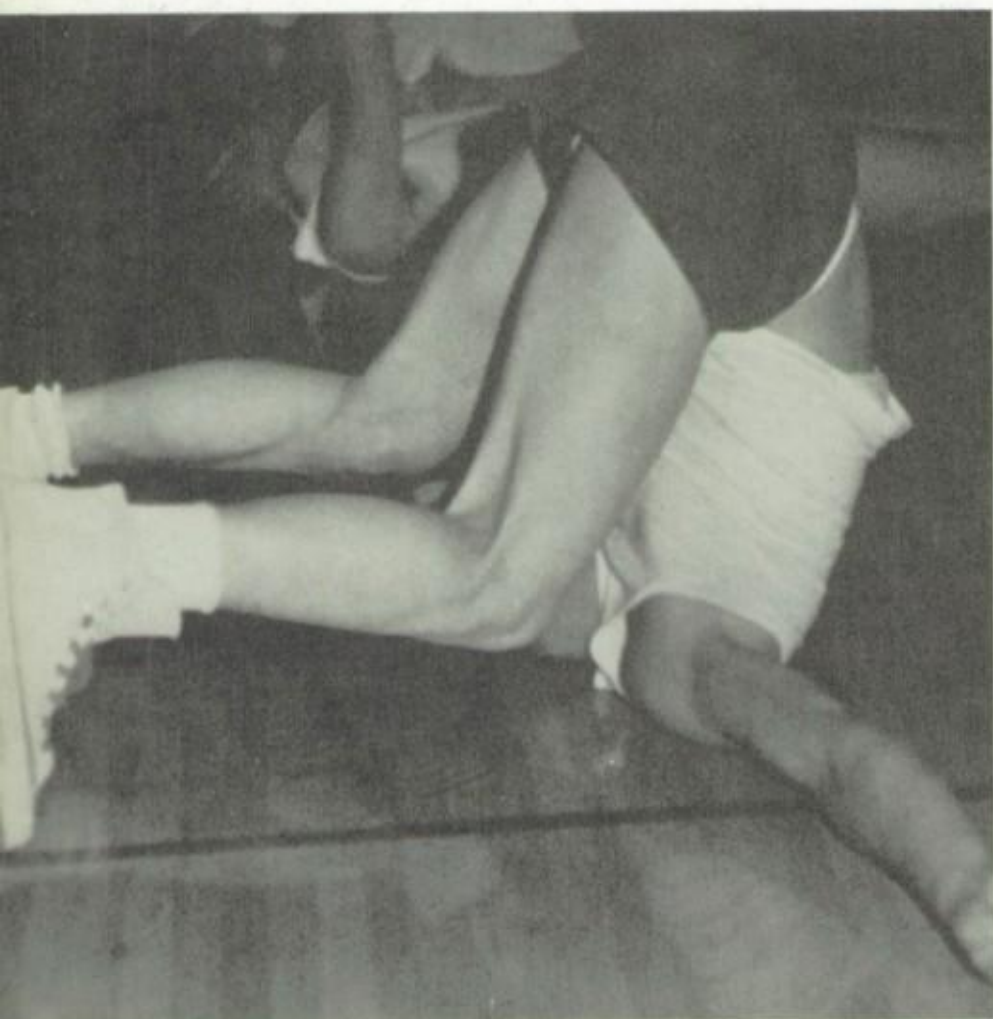


Volleyball is one of the many sports included in the physical education program.

To develop one's mind is the main aim of education, but at Van Wert High School this is not enough. Producing a physically fit, coordinated, and mentally alert body is another goal for which our teachers strive and attain through our physical education program. Learning the fundamentals of athletic games, exercising to strengthen the muscles, and practicing good sportsmanship all contribute to our becoming a better person, both mentally and physically. In the semester course of health, we learn the basic care of the body, as well as its anatomy. In the nationwide strive for physical fitness, Van Wert High School is meeting the requirements without hesitation or limitation.



What form! What grace! Too bad he missed the ball.



Head over heels! — but not in love.



Larry Lynch shows that a good driver is careful and alert.

We Prove that Teens Can be Good Drivers

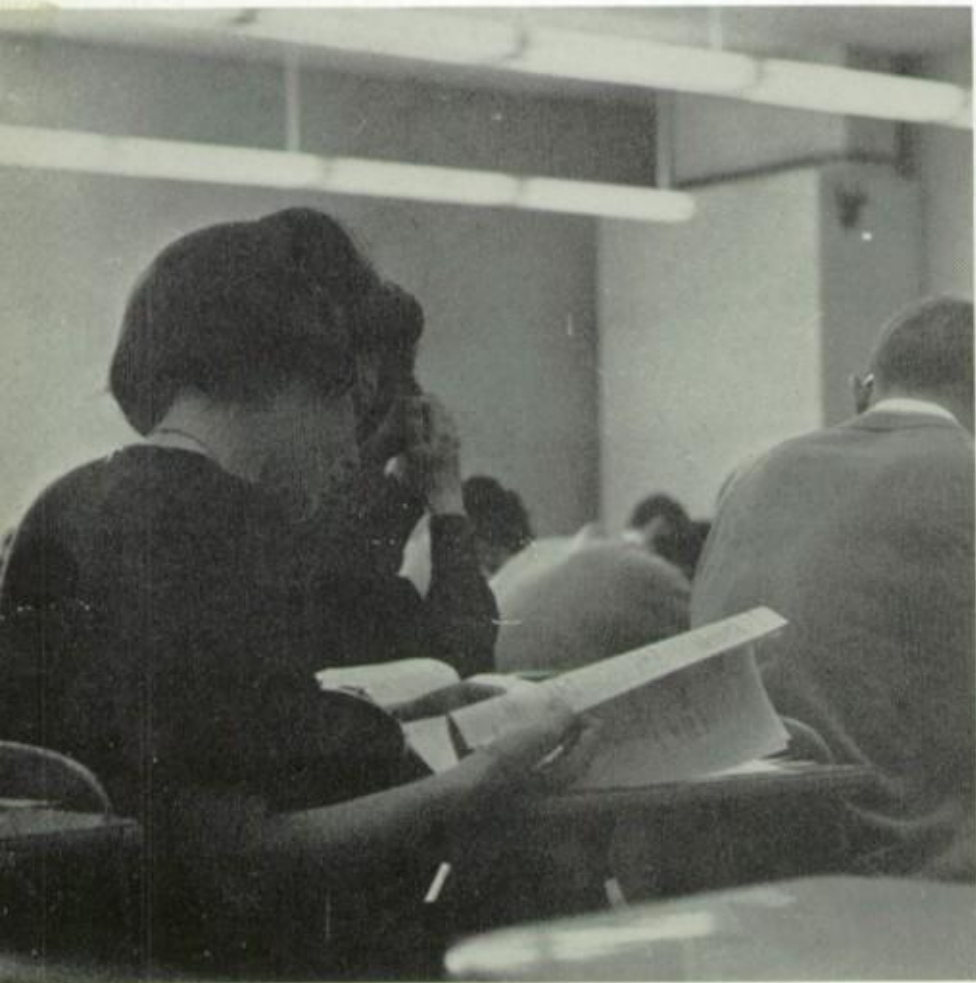
We all accept the challenge of driving at some time, but the best time and way is in high school through a drivers' education course. Here, one's lifetime driving habits are established. Studying the mechanical devices of an automobile, learning correct driving techniques, and practicing good safety habits, all add to this profitable experience.

The newly organized Youth Safety Council, composed locally of students from Van Wert and the three other county high schools, not only encourages safety, but also warns what can result from hazardous driving. From this organization, six students are chosen to serve as members of the teenage jury which acts as an advisory council to Judge Harrington during the monthly sessions of Juvenile Traffic Court. Jury members ask questions of the defendant, and work with the judge in determining his sentence. We are proud to have a Van Wert High School Student, Tom Smith, serving as co-chairman of the State council. He also holds local and regional offices.



Leaving the car on the curb side is one of the many safety precautions stressed.

Our World Is More Than the Classroom; The Search for Knowledge Takes

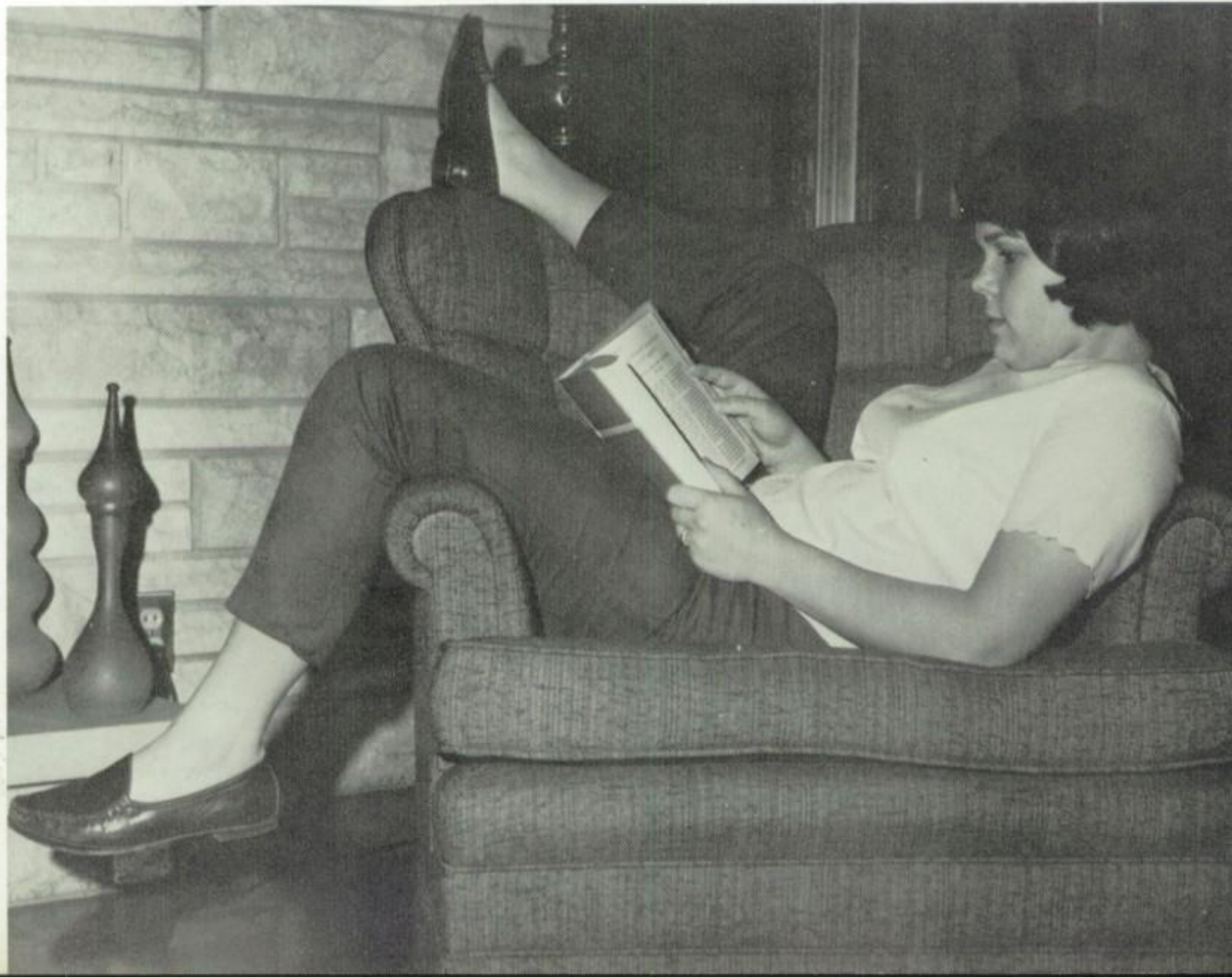


Some of us study in study hall.



We seek guidance about our futures.

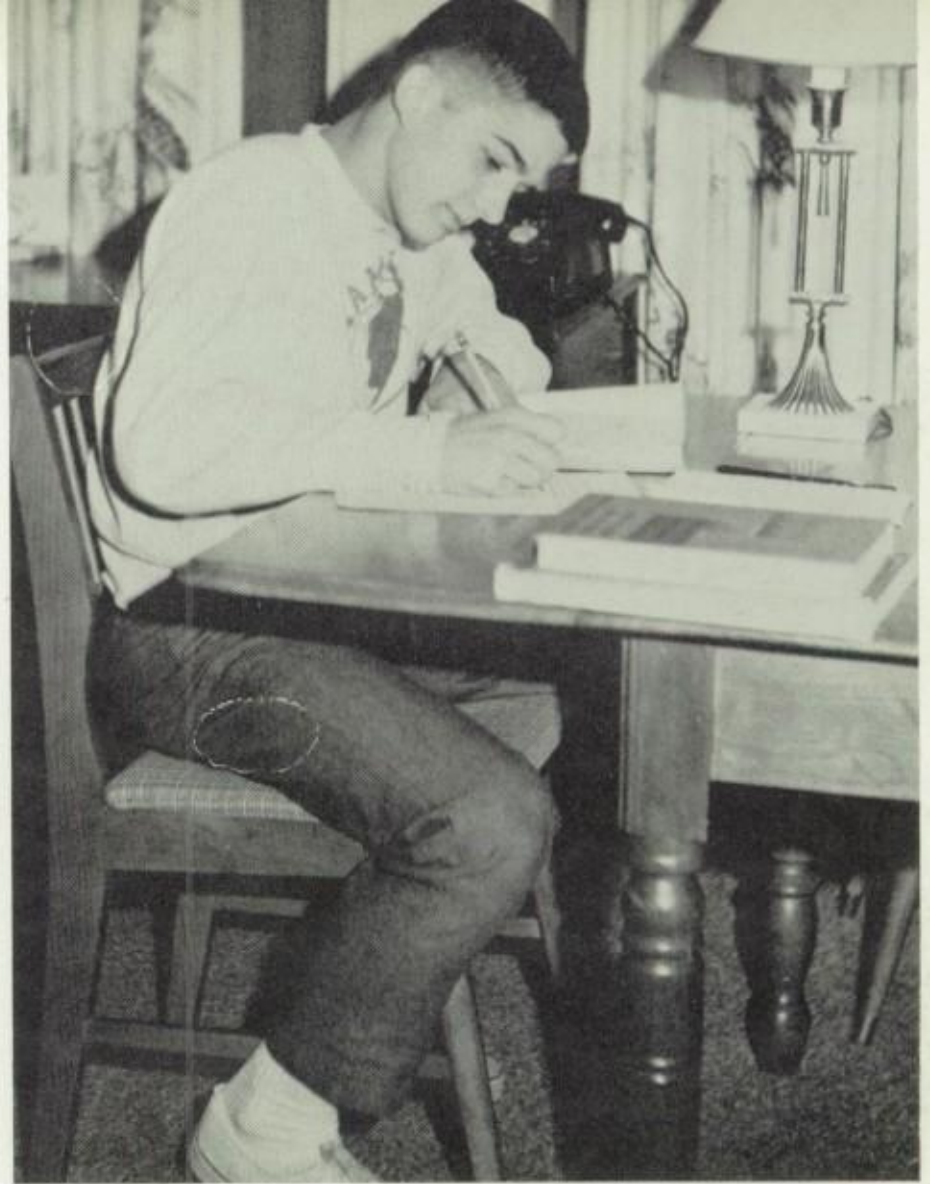
We spend many hours in the world of literature, both for pleasure and book reports.



Us Elsewhere



Steve Leiter discusses job possibilities with Mrs. Harriet Krugh at the Employment Bureau.



Homework—it's never finished!

We find the need to spend many hours at the library.



Ours Is a World of Good



Happiness is . . . a basketball victory . . .

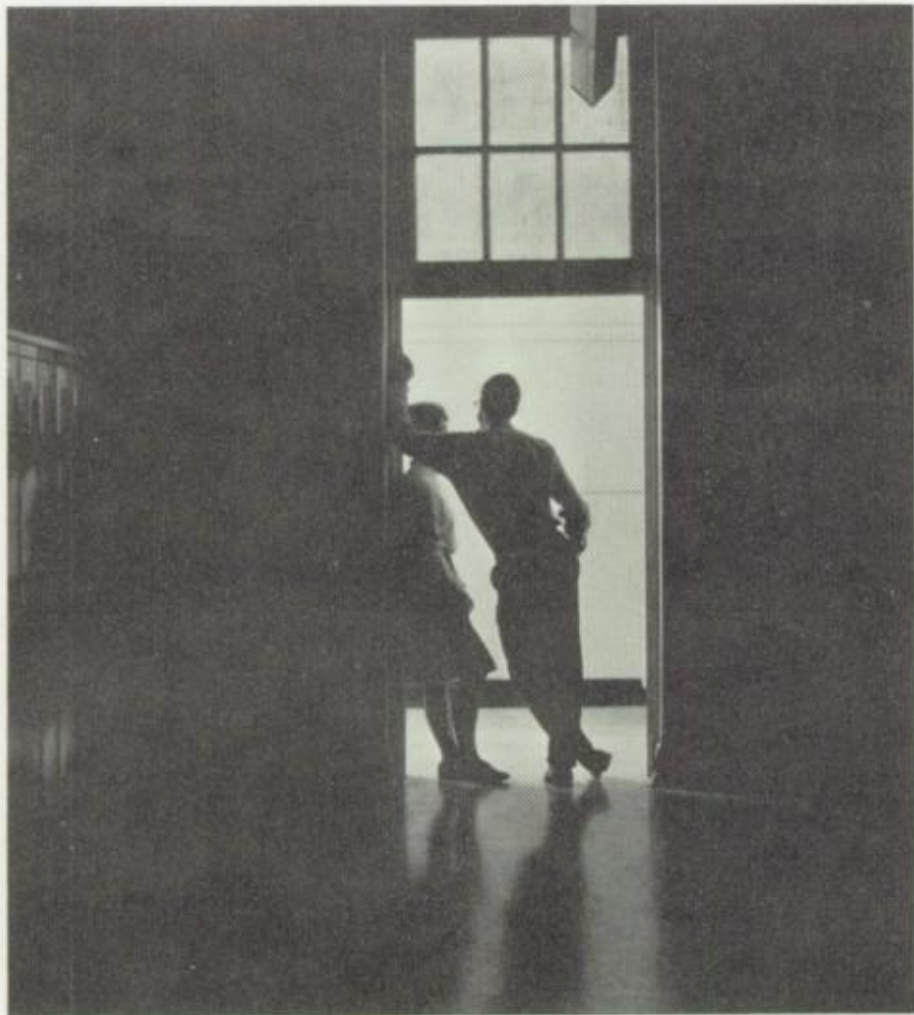
. . . dancing close with that certain someone . . .



. . . a Saturday night date.



Times and Companionship



A friend is . . . someone just to talk to . . .



. . . someone who doesn't mind an interruption now and then . .



. . . someone to "mess around" with at noon before school starts.

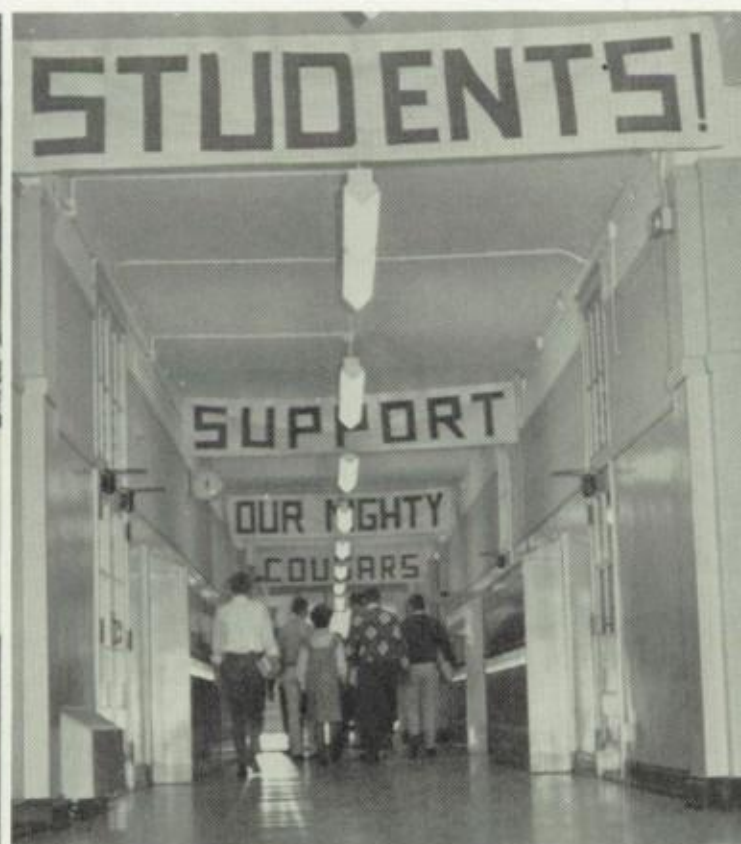
Our World of



SPORTS

Sports plays a very active part in high school life. It is also a popular pastime for the citizens of Van Wert. Many persons cheer our mighty Cougars as they tangle with opponents from near and far, but little do they know that they are watching boys growing up and maturing in a way that only an athlete can recognize.

Varsity sports prepares the high school athlete for adult life by making him a leader, and a follower. He learns to give orders, to take orders; to be humble in victory, gracious in defeat. The satisfaction he earns for doing his best is very rewarding; the friendships he develops among his teammates will last a lifetime.





Front Row: J. Sterrett, D. Martin, G. Crosby, J. Tindall, B. Bolinger, R. Ley, P. Endicott. Middle Row: Coach Whittington, Coach Coon, B. Feigert, Y. Chavarria, T. Smith, J. Saylor, M. Baltzell, S. Hirschy. Top Row: C. Steele, B. Zinsmeister, G. Uncapher, T. Dustman, L. Coon, R. Metzger.

Varsity



Coaches Kesler, Smith, Whittington, Coon, and Klutka discuss the strategy for next Friday's game.

This year the people of Van Wert witnessed many exciting football games. The Cougars were not always victorious, but they gave their followers every reason to be proud of them.

Most people do not realize what a football team really is. Anyone who has ever been close to football knows exactly what it is. A football team is a group of men, each one working hard at his own individual talent, guided by his able coaches, strengthened by faith and courage, and sparked by a desire that only an athlete can recognize. Remove any of these characteristics and there can be no team; keep them together and emerge the mighty Van Wert Cougars.

Football is not a game of chance, but the outcome of every game is affected partially by fate, which was sometimes against us, sometimes with us. The Cougars fought courageously to win five out of ten games, but most of the defeats could well have been victories. Missed conversions forced our team to yield to both Defiance and Coldwater. Time ran out at St. Marys and halted a touchdown drive; a poor fourth quarter cost us the Celina game. Although the Cougars suffered from the lack of any spectacular material, their physical endurance, strong desire, and the guidance of their experienced and respected coaches made them outstanding in the eyes of Van Wert and the students of Van Wert High.



Front Row: A. Williams, L. Mengerink, R. Fox, B. Marvin, K. Harmon, T. Foreman. Middle Row: B. Butler, V. Ferrell, T. Tindall, C. Eberle, H. McKeddie, Coach Klutka, M. Williman, Coach Kesler, G. Edsall. Top Row: C. Wise, F. Sinning, G. Frysinger, T. Steinmetz, D. Gamble, D. Price.

Football

SCORES

	VW	Opp
Delphos St. Johns	28	0
Bryan	20	14
Defiance	6	8
Coldwater	14	16
Kenton	36	8
Shawnee	8	54
* Wapakoneta	20	8
St. Marys	0	6
Celina	28	32
Bellefontaine	38	8
* Homecoming		

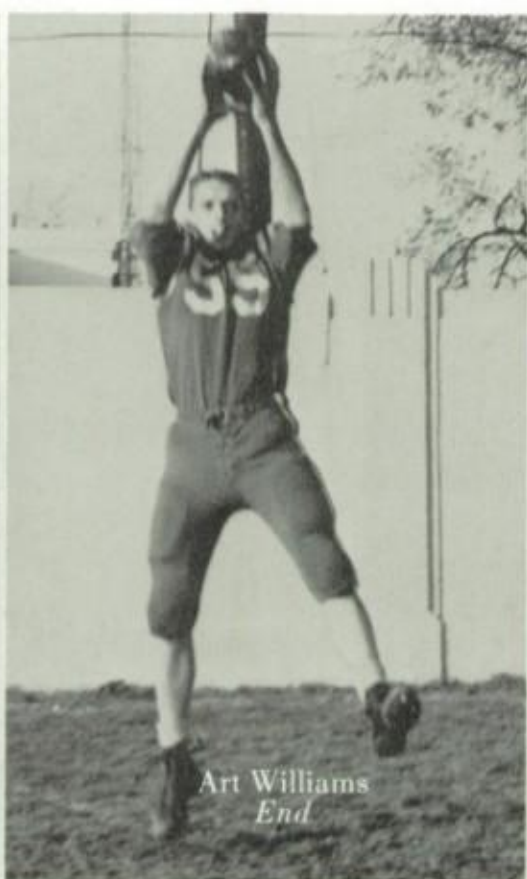


Co-Captains Art Williams and Larry Mengerink receive valuable information from their head coach, Otis Coon.

Twenty Quarters Was the Magic



Gary Crosby
Quarterback



Art Williams
End



Larry Mengerink
Fullback



Keith Harmon
Halfback



Bob Marvin
Guard



Mike Baltzell
Halfback - End



Phil Endicott
Tackle



Bruce Butler
Halfback



Ron Ley
Guard



Scott Hirschy
End



Gary Frysinger
End



Jerry Saylor
Guard

Number for Twenty-two Lettermen

These lettermen were the supporting power of the Cougars this year. Some will be back again next year. Others, the seniors, have played their final game for Van Wert. All of them were outstanding in their effort and desire, but two deserve special recognition. Dave Price, a sophomore, filled one of the most important and most difficult positions on the team, center. He did an excellent job, winning praise from all. John Tindall, senior linebacker, played superior football again this year. His extra efforts won him two Western Buckeye League awards — first team defense and honorable mention offense.



John Tindall
All League Guard
First Team Defense
Honorable Mention Offense



Dave Price
Center



Bill Bolinger
Tackle



Vaughn Ferrell
Halfback



Richard Fox
End



Tom Tindall
Tackle



Tony Steinmetz
Fullback



Harry McKeddie
End

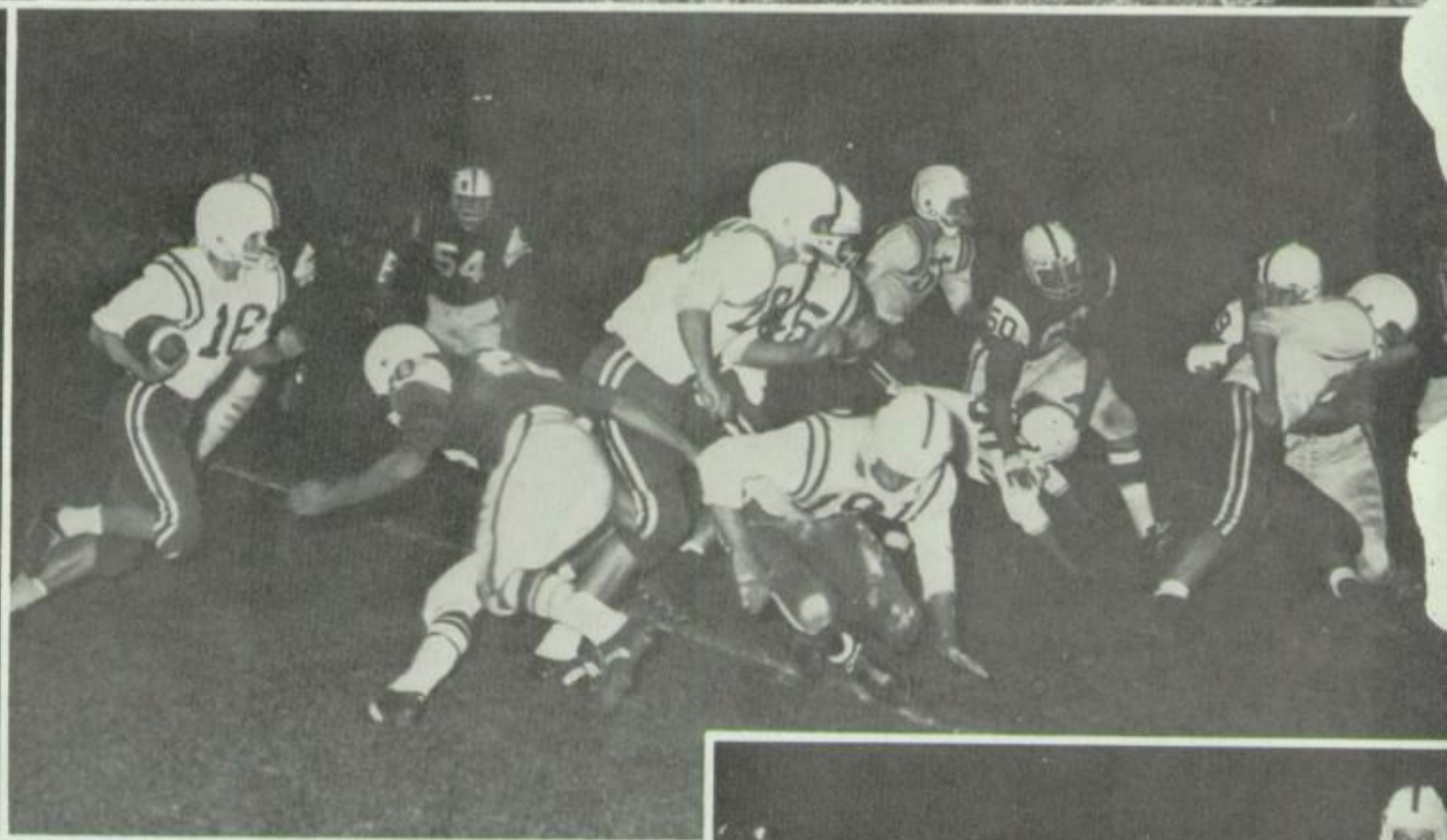
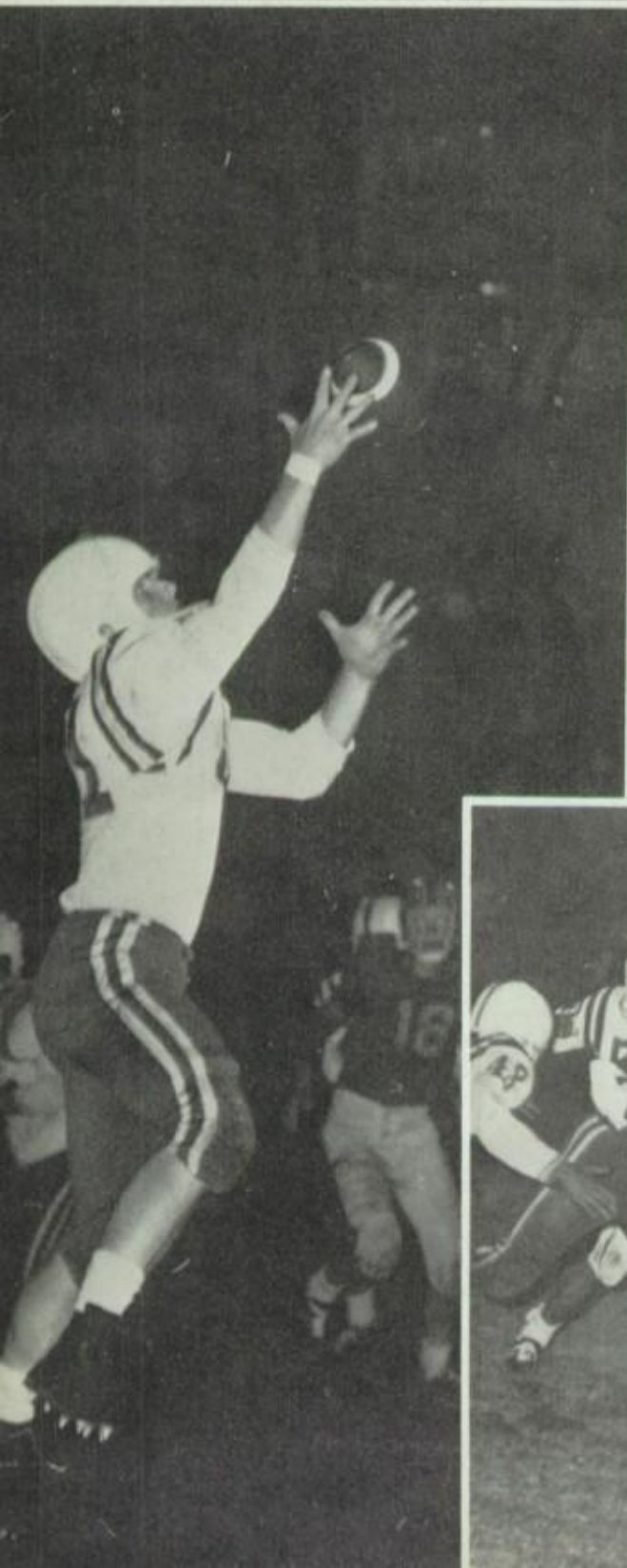


Chuck Steele
Quarterback

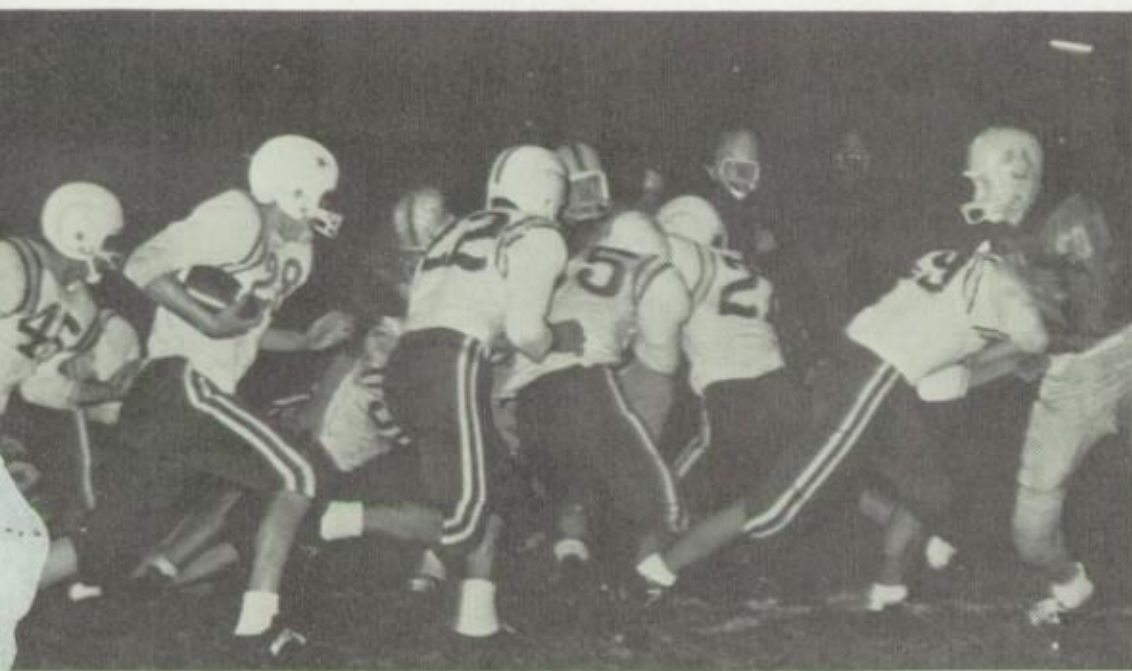


Ynasio Chavarria
Guard

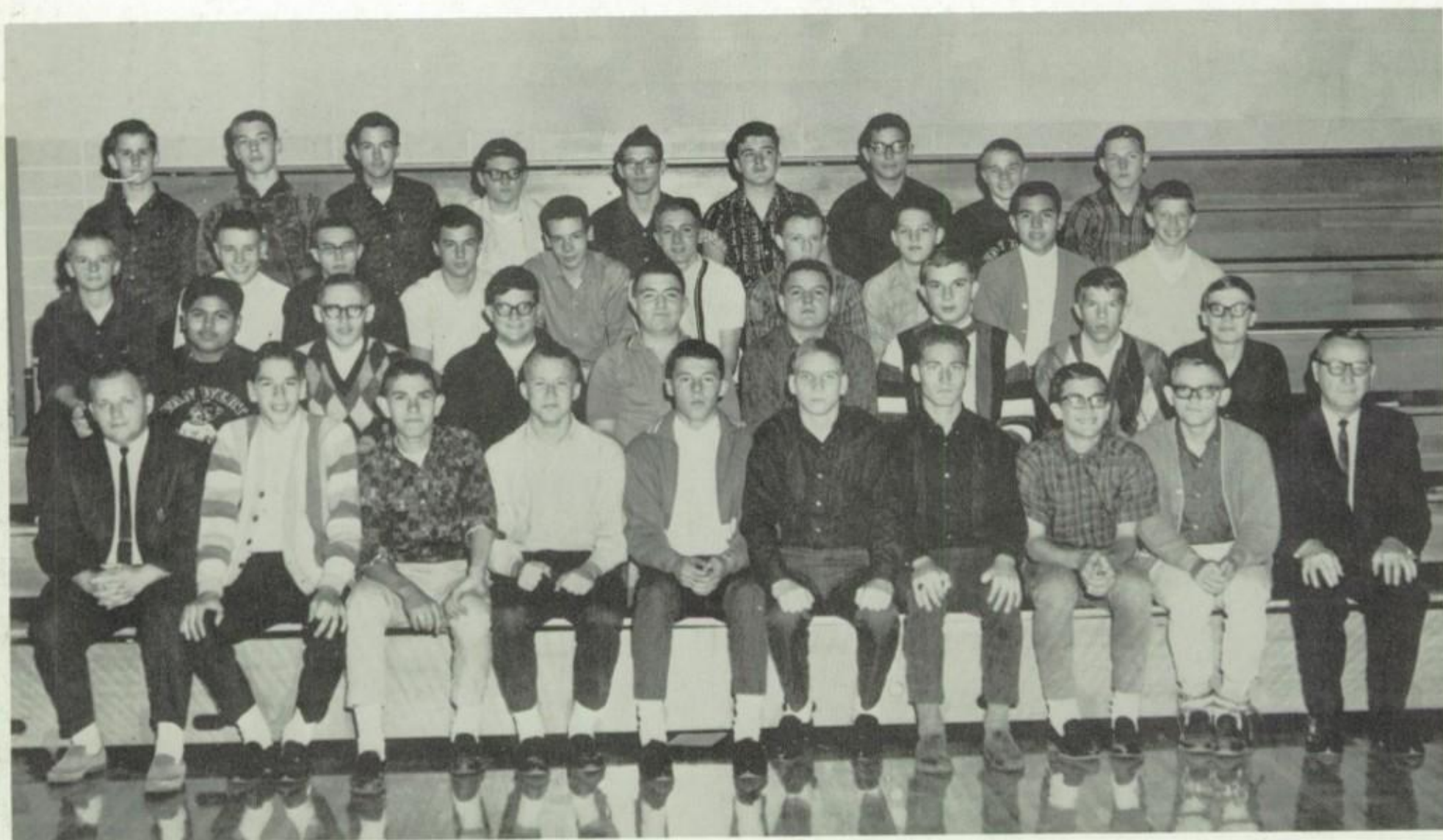
Enthusiastic Fans, Brisk Fall Weather



Vigorous Competition Creates Exciting Season



Freshman Football Team



Front Row: Coach Whittington, D. Cline, B. Hall, M. Poling, J. Walters, M. Ralston, M. Williman, C. Wilkinson, G. Hertel, Coach Smith. *Second Row:* J. Chavarria, B. Tangeman, B. Agler, B. Lynch, J. Price, C. Harris, J. August, S. Van Fleet. *Third Row:* G. Edsall,

S. Sennebogen, V. Ellis, L. Coon, M. Klutka, D. Gamble, R. Cowgill, D. Sinning, C. Chavarria, P. Baxter. *Top Row:* D. Parsons, B. Foote, M. Rodman, J. Phillips, P. Downing, E. Burkheimer, B. Sealscott, S. Wise, J. Wehage.



The freshman team, coached by Mr. Whittington and Mr. Smith, played five games. Of these, they were victorious in two. These boys gained a storehouse of valuable information about the ways of football. They are now varsity material, and are ready to serve their school and community in the coming three years.





Varsity Basketball

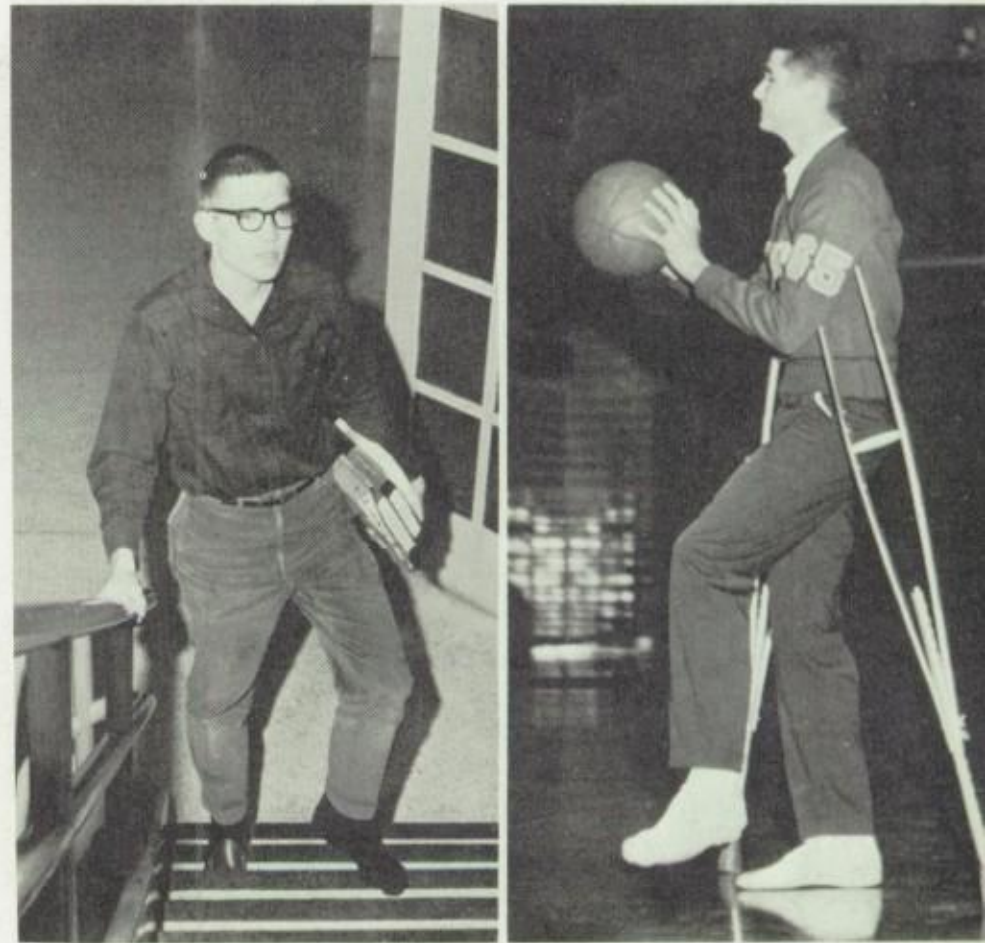


Tom Tindall, forward; Francis Sinning, center; Tom Keltner, forward;
Dick Orr, guard; Mike Baltzell, forward; Gig Davis, captain, guard;
Brent Crone, guard; Larry Mengerink, guard; Jerry Saylor, forward;
Art Williams, center; Coach Robert Chuey.

“We Are the Mighty Cougars . . .”

The dynamic Van Wert Cougars began the season with a thrilling victory over the Delphos St. Johns Blue Jays, the highest-rated team in the area. Van Wert teams are perennially plagued by a lack of height and unfortunately, this year was no exception. Our boys made up for it, however, with their commendable ability and determination. We were sparked the entire season by two outstanding seniors, Gig Davis and Tom Keltner. Serving as a nucleus they were supported by fine athletes, several of whom will be back next year.

Before the season opened, Coach Chuey said that he would rather lose to a strong team than defeat a weak one. The opposition we faced throughout the season was of the highest caliber, for we added several of the area's strongest teams to our schedule. Although the losses were more numerous than the wins, all of Van Wert should be very proud of their Cougars.



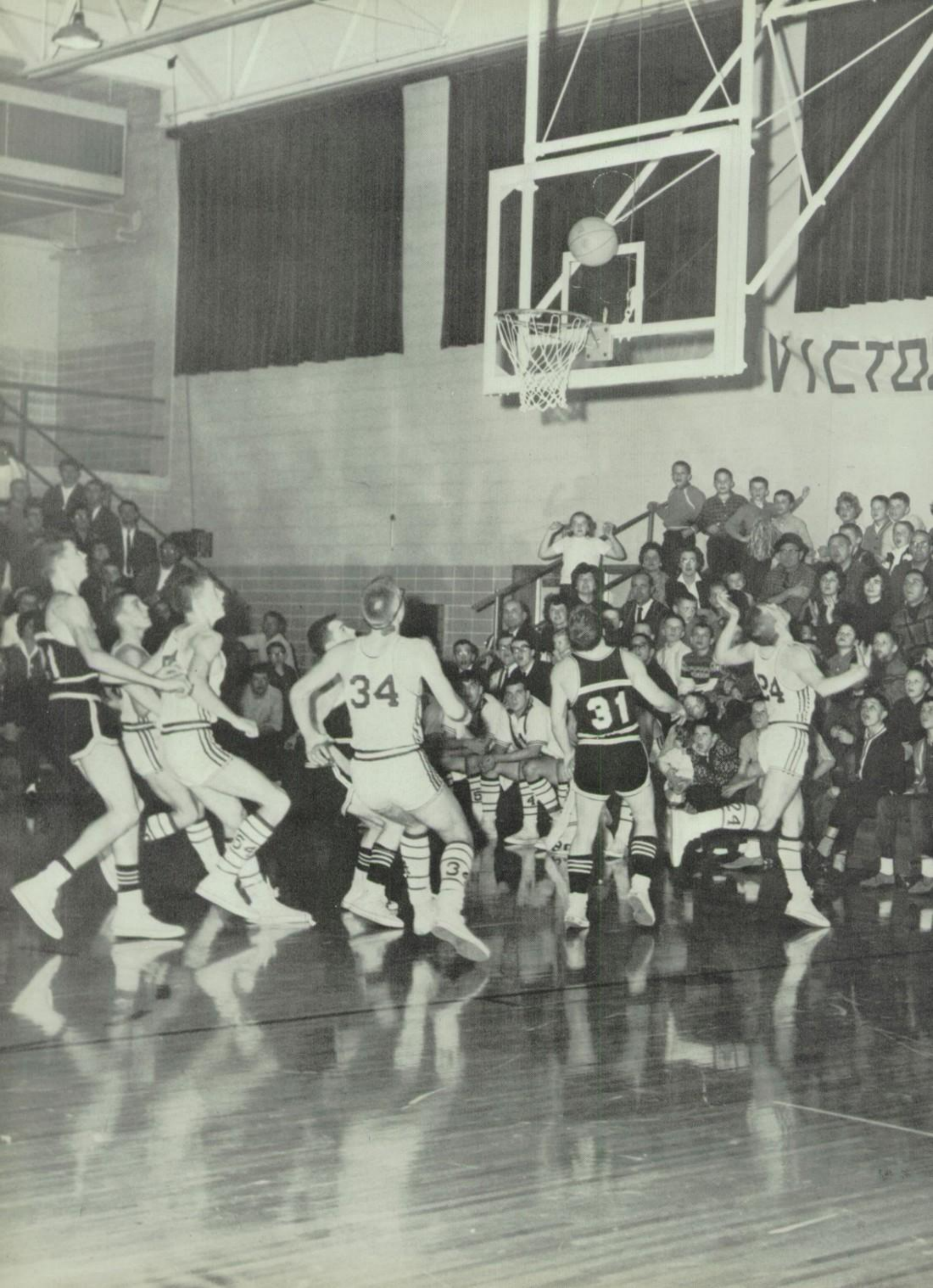
The Cougar Cause was hurt by the absence of Randy Gardner and John Games, both of whom were injured during the season.

SEASON SCHEDULE

	VW	OP
Delphos St. Johns	86	77
Elida	61	68
Lima Central Catholic	60	82
Defiance	51	54
Lima Bath	62	59
Coldwater	53	77
Parkway	64	66
Kenton	63	61
Defiance	63	60
Shawnee	64	74
Bryan	72	65
Wapakoneta	69	91
St. Marys	46	69
Lima Perry	55	90
Celina	57	90
Sidney	45	65
Bellefontaine (overtime)	75	79
Tournament		
Napoleon	69	74



Cougar captain, Gig Davis, had no trouble scoring consistently, with or without the ladder.



Seniors—This Was Their Last, Their Best

These four seniors have played their final game for Van Wert High School. Strong desire, a willingness to sacrifice, and commendable ability, combine to make them a foursome that anyone would welcome on his team.

Gig Davis played Varsity ball for three years. He has been the offensive spark-plug and playmaker since his sophomore year. His leadership and aggressive play strengthened the entire team, and made them function smoothly. His many years of practice and hard work payed off for him this year; he received the Western Buckeye League Award of "Honorable Mention." Next year the Cougars will miss Gig; they will have to find someone else to keep them hustling. For his extra effort and fine sportsmanship, Gig was named Most Valuable Player by his teammates and the Jaycees.

Art Williams, the tallest Cougar, played his

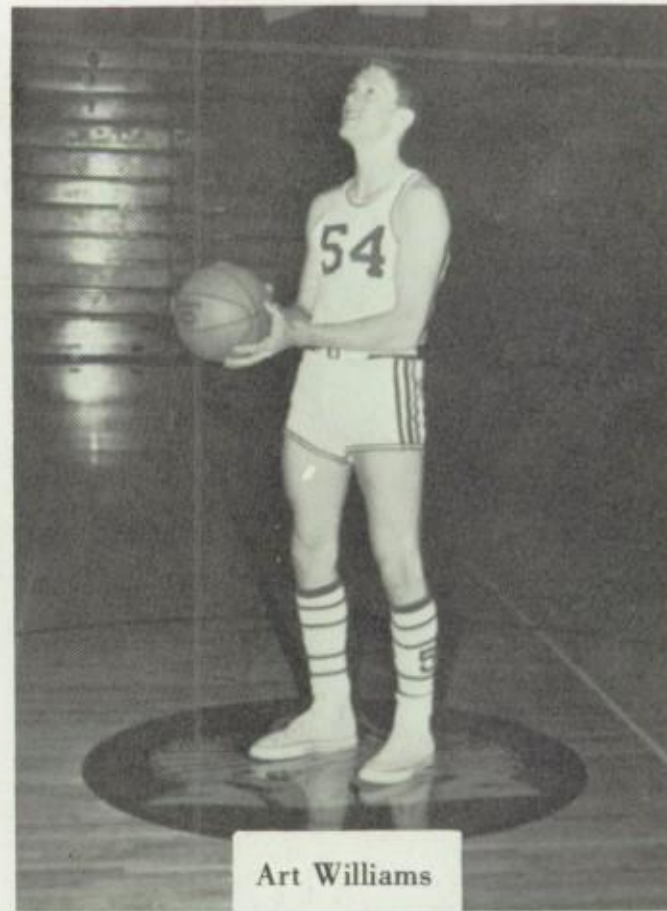
first year of Varsity ball. He started at center and did some fine rebounding. He was always scrapping for the ball, and he came up with it more times than not. Art was the defensive strong man of our team.

Tom Keltner was Van Wert's big scoring punch. He was the one to rely on when we needed those two points fast. His efforts also won him a berth in the "Honorable Mention" column. Tom put in many hours of practice, and perfected that deadly fade-away jump shot. He played excellent games his junior year, but surprised everyone by scoring thirty points in that upset over Delphos.

Larry Mengerink also played Varsity basketball three years. He started his sophomore year, and he always turned in an outstanding performance for the Cougars. He was the steady, level-headed player a coach always needs in a pinch.



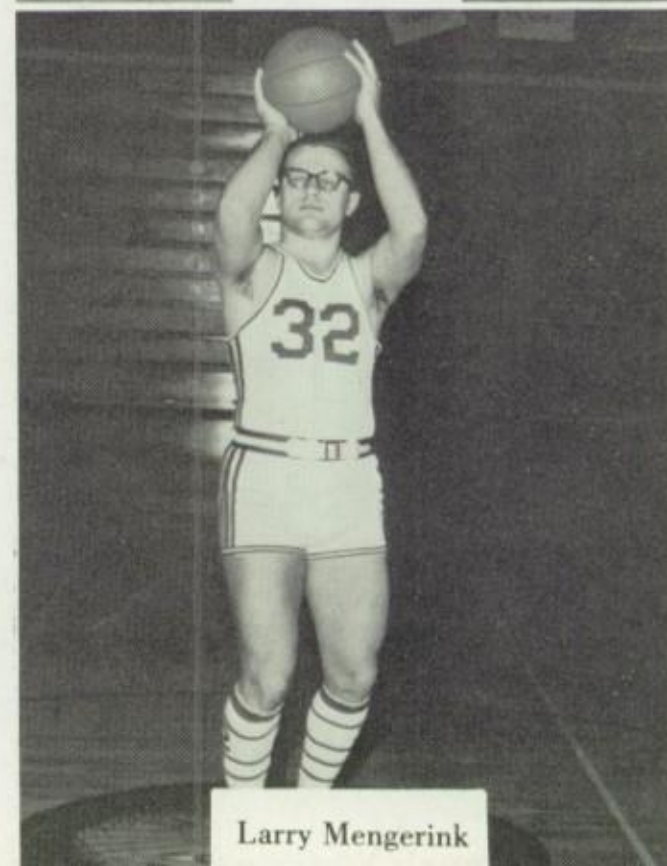
Gig Davis



Art Williams

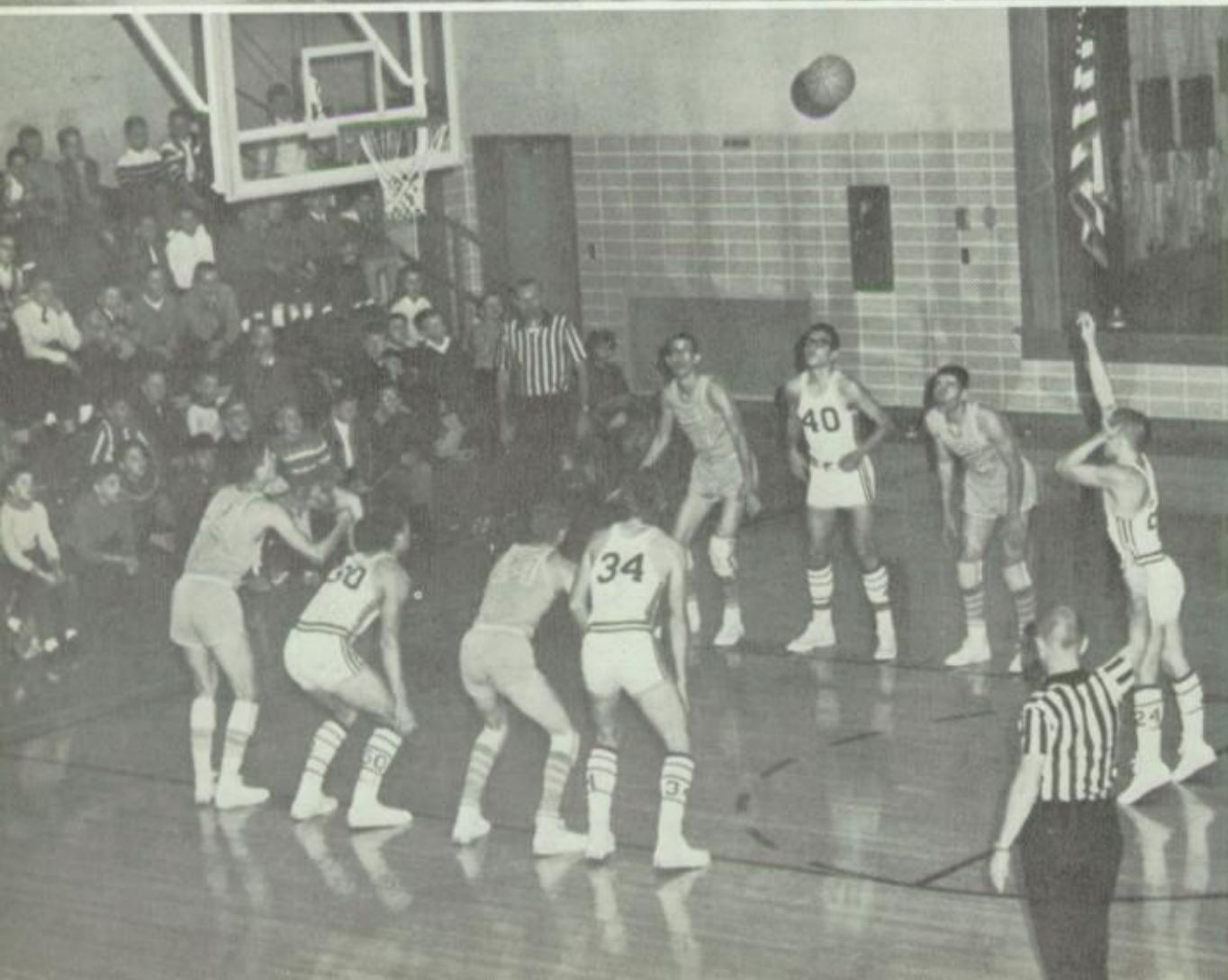


Tom Keltner



Larry Mengerink

Our Hustling Team and Split -



Second Action Thrill Frenzied Crowds



Junior Varsity



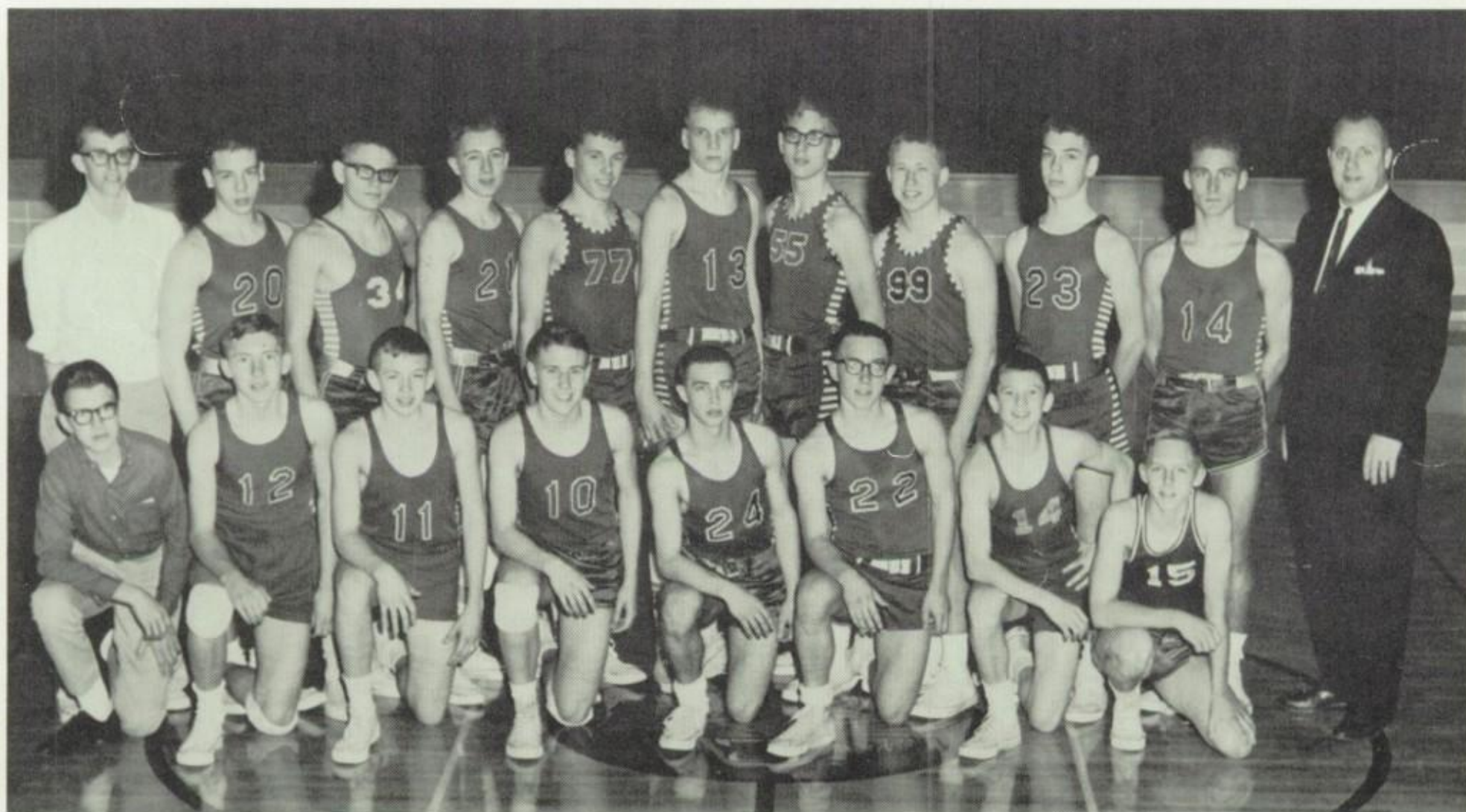
Standing: Coach Dan Murphy, Dave Price, Phil Beck, Harry McKeddie, Francis Sinning, Mike Fisher, Tom Dustman. *Kneeling:* Kim Davis, Brent Crone, Sam Scott, Don Poling, Ben Zinsmeister, Mark Steinmetz.

The Reserves won only five games this year, but the knowledge and fundamentals of highly competitive basketball which they learned will be invaluable to them. Brent Crone, the Kittens' highest scorer, and Frank Sinning, the tallest player on their team, were advanced to Varsity late in the season. Crone started the last two games for the Varsity.

Harry McKeddie passes the ball — but to whom?



Freshman Team

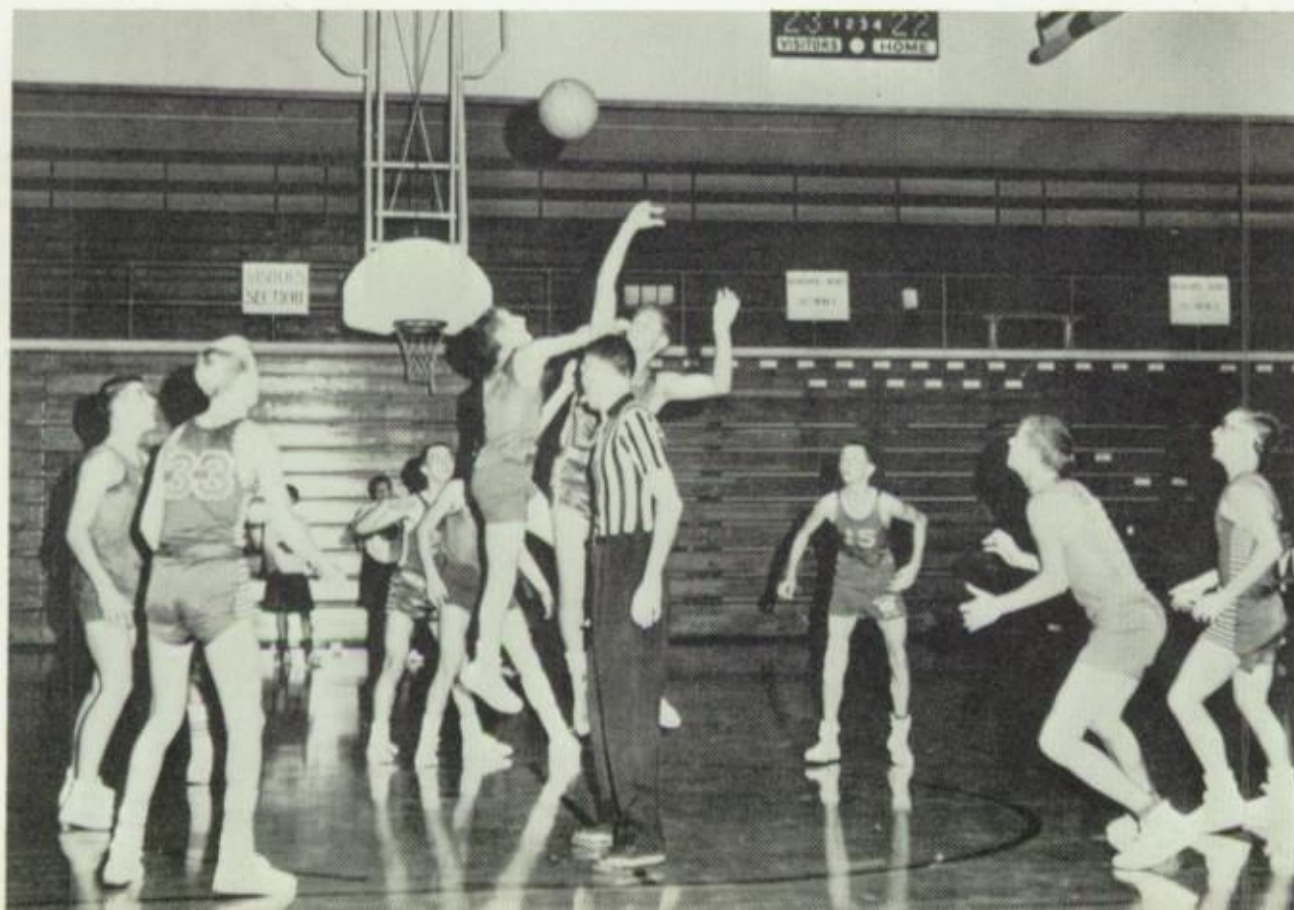


Kneeling: Walter Bate, Mark Fisher, William Williams, Steve Sennebogen, Vernon Ellis, Dan Gunsett, Dave Greisinger, Tom Mosier. *Standing:* John Warden, Max Klutka, Gary Hertel, Dana

Gamble, Jerry Walters, Mike Ralston, Wayne Branfield, Mike Poling, Bruce Foote, Mike Williman, Coach Paul Hughes.

Although winning only four of the season's fifteen games, the boys on the freshman team acquired the qualities of sportsmanship, respect for fellow players, and the desire to win. Near the end of the season, Coach Paul Hughes proudly placed two greenies, Jerry Walters and Mike Ralston, on the Reserves.

Freshman cagers go for that jump ball.



Van Wert Crowns Its First Basketball Queen



Tina Baltzell, Queen Karen Elston, Barbara Roggenkemper.



Miss Karen Elston was chosen to reign over the 63-64 basketball season as Van Wert High School's first Basketball Queen. Each class nominated two girls; from these, members of the Reserve and Varsity teams chose the queen and two attendants. Karen was crowned just before the Varsity game with Lima Bath by Cougar captain, Gig Davis. Her attendants were Barbara Roggenkemper, a junior, and Tina Baltzell, a freshman. Following the victorious game, the Queen and her Court reigned over a dance, sponsored by the Student Council.

Team captain Gig Davis crowns Queen Karen Elston as Tom Keltner and Barb Roggenkemper look on.



Track



Gary Frysinger prepares to hurl the shot put.

Coach Richard Kesler

Carl Wise leads the 440. (For awhile at least.)

Van Wert has had track for only four years, but already the team is strong and has a lot of potential for future years.

Track is an individual sport; it is the individual who earns the points. Each athlete trains for his own particular event. Although the team as a whole had an outstanding record, certain individuals deserve mention.

Gig Davis had an outstanding season in the mile run. He placed second in the Western Buckeye League meet, in which the first three places broke the old league record. Gig's time was the best of his career, 4:37.3. Half-miler, Charles Gehres placed third in the league meet. Don Baer, a junior worked hard in the pole vault, and his efforts merited him second place in the league meet. A sophomore with a lot of desire and potential, Don Poling, consistently placed behind Davis and Gehres in the mile and half-mile events.

The team's record this year was 4 wins and 4 losses. They placed third in the Western Buckeye League Meet at Shawnee behind Shawnee and Kenton.

For the first time, track had the interest of the student body. Although the Fairgrounds was often wet and muddy, many students and teachers came to watch the meets.

SEASON RECORD

	VW	OP
St. Marys	59 1/6	53 5/6
Wapakoneta		32 1/2
Coldwater	94 2/3	23 1/2
Celina	56 1/2	61 1/2
Parkway	86	32
Shawnee	41	96
Lincolnview		10
Lima Senior	44	74
Defiance	49 1/2	68 1/2
Parkway	28	18
Lincolnview		4



Front row: Coach Richard Kesler, S. Wise, C. Gehres, G. Crosby, R. Frysinger, J. Drake, R. Marvin, D. Schaffner, J. Wolverton, B. Zinsmeister. *Second row:* C. Wilkinson, G. Hertel, C. Harris, R. Frederick, G. Frysinger, S. Gehres, S. Burnett, C. Wilkinson, G.

Wagonrod, D. Gamble, S. Hirschy, Y. Chavarria, D. Poling, M. Steinmetz, L. Coon, D. Price, B. Feigert, Coach Dolby. *Third row:* D. Baer, C. Eberle, S. Niswonger, V. Ferrell, C. Wise, B. Butler, M. Williman, B. Tangeman.



Gary Crosby strains every muscle to clear the high jump stick as he practices in the gym balcony.

Don Baer's skill in pole vaulting qualified him for District competition.





Front row: J. LeValley, D. Gamble, R. Stuckey, M. Fisher, W. Williams, M. Fisher. Second row: Coach Cline, T. Waldron, D. Patterson, K. Davis, B. Crone, R. Waldron, D. Anderson. Third

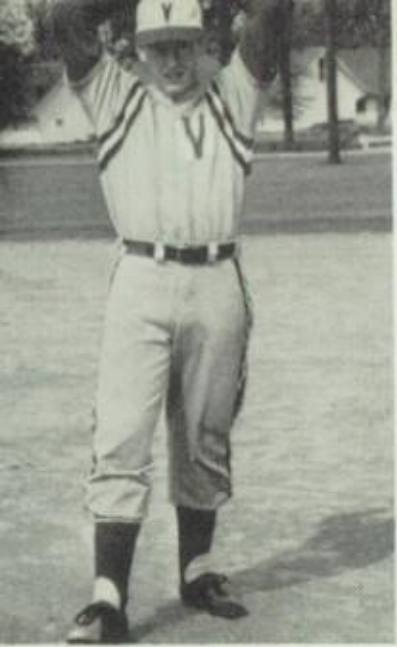
row: R. Holbrook, K. Harmon, D. Blackmore, B. Reidenbach, J. Tindall, J. Pollock.



The score is 20 to nothin' and he BUNTS.



The usual rainy season dampened the dugout as well as the field.



Keith Harmon



Roger Holbrook



Jerry Pollock



John Tindall



Tom Waldron

Baseball

Although short of lettermen, Van Wert's baseball team had a fine season. Coach Clarence Cline used his players to good advantage and wound up the season with 6 wins and 9 losses. Five seniors played their final games for Van Wert. They were Keith Harmon, Roger Holbrook, Jerry Pollock, John Tindall, and Tom Waldron. Coach Cline was assisted by Coach Chuey and Coach Hughes who also coached the reserve squad.

SEASON RECORD

	VW	OP
Decatur	3	9
Coldwater	0	5
Celina	7	2
Parkway	8	3
Wapakoneta	8	4
Lincolnview	5	7
Lima Central Catholic	2	9
Ohio City	1	2
Celina	3	1
Delphos St. Johns	4	5
St. Marys	0	1
St. Marys	2	9
New Haven	8	10
Coldwater	3	2
Paulding	3	0



"Waldron, get back on that bag!" coaches Coach Cline.

Home run or strike-out? Only his coach knows for sure.



Intramurals and Class Tournaments

The sophomore team was the winner of the class tournament. *Front row:* G. Wagonrod, L. Games, G. Frysinger, B. Rager, B. Grove. *Second row:* Mr. Klutka, D. Martin, D. Hunziker, D. Patterson, C. Mengerink, J. LeValley, Coach Larry Mengerink.



The faculty all-stars, in the final game, came out on top as they defeated the sophomores by one point. *Front row:* Mr. Whittington, Mr. Jessup, Mr. Shively. *Second row:* Mr. Dolby, Mr. Clem, Mr. Chuey.

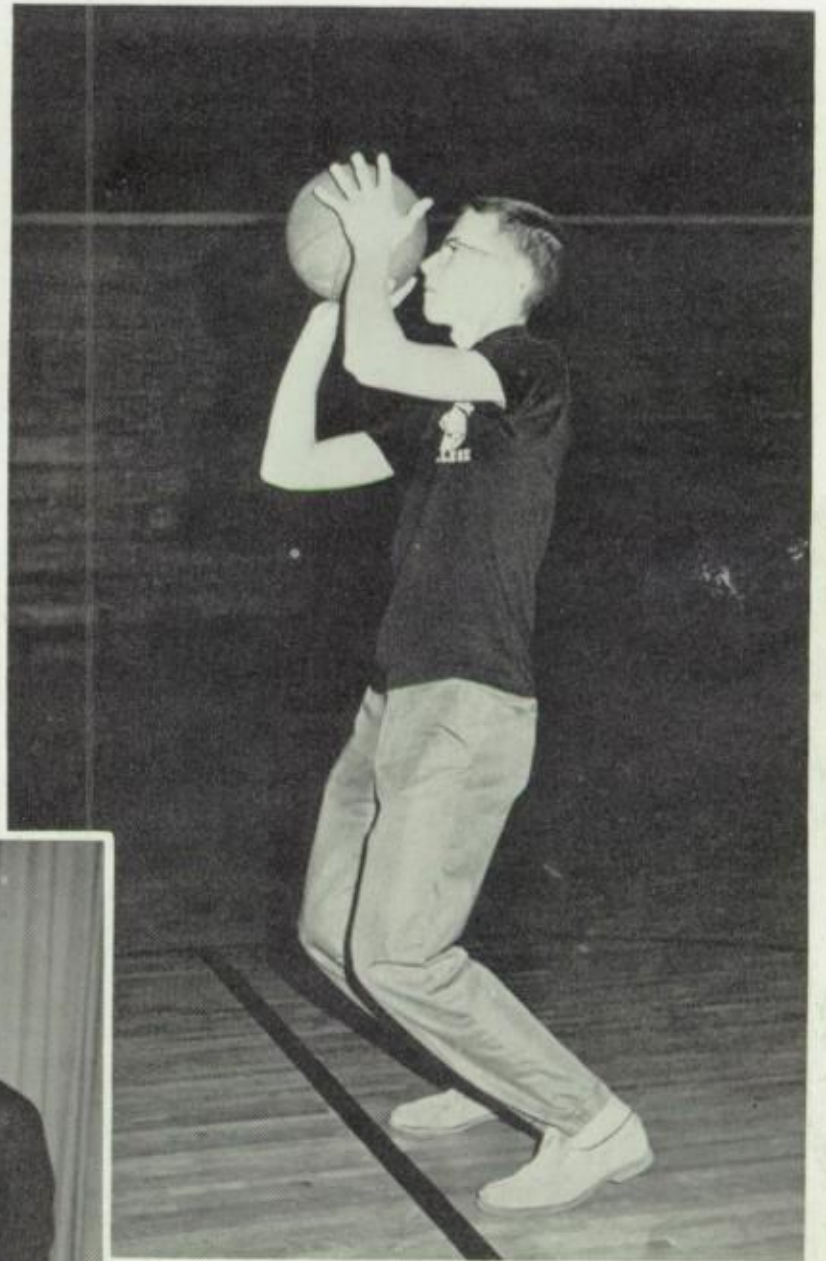


The sophomore fans cheer wildly as their team becomes the unbelievable winner of the class tournament.

Supplement Athletic Program



The Troll-Goats were the winners of the Junior-Senior Intramural League. C. Herring, T. Steinmetz, C. Wise, D. Gamble, S. Niswonger, and B. Butler.



Gary Poling, a junior, won the foul-shooting contest.



The Zooloo Warriors were the winners of the Freshman-Sophomore Intramural League. C. Steele, S. Karst, D. Hunziker, L. Games, P. Duncan, L. Coon.

Varsity Cheerleaders



Cheryl Houg, Julie Droll, Sharyl Schwartz, Jane Hall, Jill McCollum, Kathy Kaduk.

The Varsity cheerleaders worked enthusiastically to keep up the school spirit. They performed skits at pep assemblies, made posters and booster tags, and hung huge victory signs in the halls.

The cheerleaders had many responsibilities. They trained the Junior High and Reserve cheerleaders, attended cheerleading camp in the summer, and practiced many hours to perfect their cheers. Their attitude was a credit to their school and their community.

Cheerleading rewarded these girls by developing leadership and character, and by giving them the opportunity to meet many people.

Senior cheerleaders, Cheryl Houg, Sharyl Schwartz, Jane Hall, and Jill McCollum look back on many seasons of fun, Hard work, and unforgettable experiences.



The cheerleaders take a "time out" to pose for the photographer.



Many Cougar fans turned out for the bonfires, sponsored by the Booster Club.



Reserve Cheerleaders

Six peppy girls, representing the freshman, sophomore, and junior classes, served on the reserve cheerleading squad. The student body was proud of the way they backed the Kittens.

Reserve cheerleading not only develops poise and personality, but it is also an honor to represent Van Wert High School.

Front Row: Barbara Roggenkemper, Nanette Pflum, Susie Fry. *Back Row:* Kathy Drees, Cathy Foreman, Kathy Wilhelm.



Our World of



ORGANIZATIONS

We would not be well-rounded individuals without our world of organizations. We grow physically and mentally, but we must also mature socially. Van Wert High School provides the social activities that develop character and produce future leaders. There are clubs for every interest. They range from foreign language clubs, honorary clubs, and speech and science clubs, to religious, vocational, musical, and athletic organizations. Each club has an aim and it strives to attain its ideals for the benefit of its members. Through our organizations, we learn group cooperation, meet new ideas, and accept challenges.



National Honor Society



Front Row: Marilyn McCachran, Lynn Loyer, Tom Schultz, Marsha Bate, Angeline Harrington, Robert Van Ausdall, Sharyl Schwartz, Andrew Poole. *Second Row:* Sharon Dougal, Bobbie Cotterman, Dolly Scerba, Mary Ann Miller, Jill McCollum, Susan Harrington, Nancy Good, Linda Thatcher. *Third Row:* Elaine Rinard, Carol Craig, Marcia Jones, Ann Hablitzel, Kerry Klutka, Ellen Pugh,

Cheryl Underwood, Mary McVay. *Fourth Row:* Frances Connors, Mary Lou Hoverman, Linda Ralston, Jane Branfield, Randy Gardner, Gary Poling, Stan Kephart, Susan Taylor. *Top Row:* Stuart White, Tom Keltner, John Games, William Bolinger, Larry Zielke, Bruce Hoverman.



To be qualified for election into the National Honor Society, one must set his goals and ideals high, striving always to attain them. He must possess the qualities of character, scholarship, leadership, and service. The Honor Society was established to reward the top students for achieving these goals. Five percent of the junior class and fifteen percent of the senior class are inducted each year. Their distinction shows their achievements in the past, and reminds them that they have additional obligations in the future. Thus is their motto, Noblesse Oblige.

The emblem shows the flaming torch of knowledge and symbolizes the keystone as stability.

Cheryl Underwood lights her torch at the flame of Leadership.



L. Morgan, M. Wagonrod, D. Connors, D. Hunter, A. Harrington, J. Purmort, M. McCachran, L. Loyer, J. Evans, G. Bilbro. *Second row:* S. Baldwin, S. Doner, B. Hoverman, L. Baker, M. Fogt, K. Cahoon, C. Underwood, D. Scerba, B. Hoverman, P. Walther, T. Compton. *Third row:* M. McVay, D. Ringwald, M. Weck, S.

Taylor, N. Busch, D. Dasher, P. Prill, B. Burnes, M. Jones, L. Zielke, S. White. *Fourth row:* K. Davis, M. Jerome, G. Sheehan, D. Gunsett, D. Poling, J. Rice, K. Hirn, B. Lynch, G. Harden, S. Kephart, P. Stanley, L. Games, P. Duncan, C. Routt, F. Sinning, J. Myers, J. McVay, J. Roberts, M. McCachran, B. Burnes.

The members of the scholarship team competed at the district level at Defiance College on May 2. Several individuals did outstanding work which merited them high State ratings.

200 students took the preliminary tests on March 19. If a student placed first, second, or third, he was eligible to take the district test.

Scholarship Team

Biology Griff Bilbro
Phillip Duncan
Brian Burnes

General Science . . George Sheehan
Maynard Jerome
Patrick Stanley

Chemistry Phil Walther
Stan Kephart
Larry Zielke

Physics Andrew Poole
Bruce Hoverman
Tom Keltner

Algebra I Dan Gunsett
Linda Baker
Donna Dasher

Algebra II Greg Harden
Frances Connors
Mary McVay

Geometry John McVay
Kim Davis
Jim Rice

Latin I Lyda Morgan
Nina Busch
Robert Lynch

Latin II Charles Routt
Larry Games
Marshall McCachran

Bookkeeping Don Poling
Keith Hirn
Sharon Doner

American History . Stuart White
John Roberts
Tom Compton

World History . . . James Evans
Susan Baldwin
Dorothy Hunter

Government James Myers
Marilyn McCachran
J. B. Sampsell

English IX Marcia Fogt
Barbara Burnes
Penny Prill

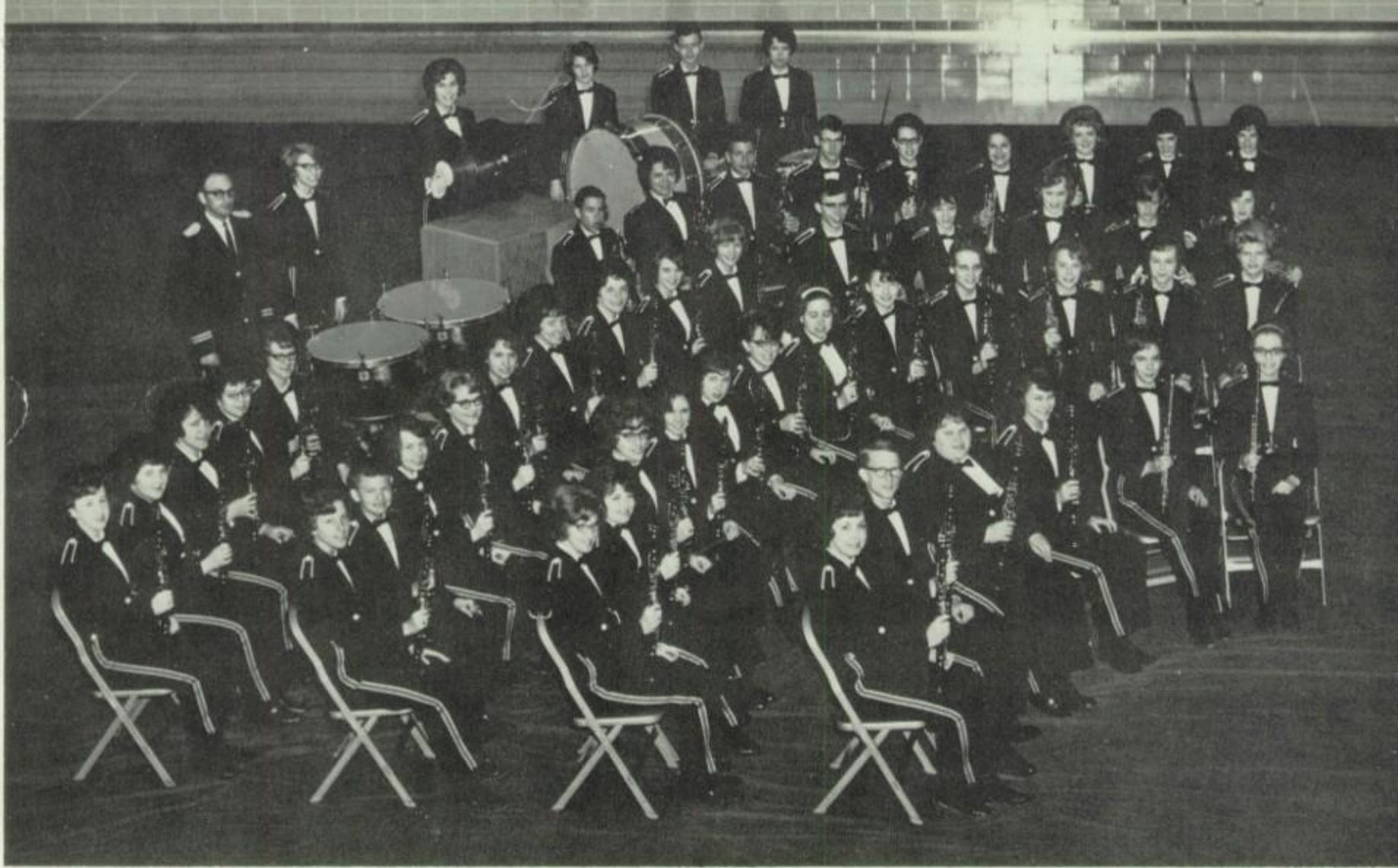
English X Barbara Hoverman
Francis Sinning

English XI Susan Harrington
Marcia Jones
Darlene Ringwald

English XII Angeline Harrington
Lynn Loyer
Susan Taylor

French I Kathleen Cahoon
Martha Weck
Marlene Wagonrod

French II Dolores Scerba
Cheryl Underwood
Joyce Purmort



First row: M. Miller, B. Burnes, E. Pugh, S. Mefferd, A. Ayres, L. Swoveland. *Second row:* D. Scerba, B. Dresbach, C. Lehman, L. Vickery, H. Brown, C. Butler, C. Myers, N. Joseph, L. Medaugh, C. Green, K. Runnion, D. Dull. *Third row:* N. Elliot, J. Evans, M. Emery, C. Stuckey, D. Cline, L. McGannon, B. Good, K. Wilhelm, C. Blue, D. Poling, J. Stewart, J. Firestone, C. Klausing, M. Ries. *Fourth row:* K. Reeder, C. Gribler, N. Geisman, B. Coon, K. Dunifon, D. Hunziker, B. Brickner, T. Compton, S. White, R. Putman, G. Lippi, S. Burley, K. Rinard, E. Rinard. *Fifth row:* Mr. Jay Hall, V. Moyer, S. Foote, S. Price, R. McMichael, S. Sherman.



Majorettes—*Sitting:* Beth Wilkin, Mary Ann Miller. *Standing:* Connie Klausing, Deborah Dull, Shirley Burley.



Drum Major: Ron Shell



First row: M. Myers, C. Schwartz, P. Blackmore, S. Wermer, L. Harrington, J. Drake, J. West. *Second row:* A. Feasby, K. King, J. Bushong, M. Tinker, T. Bushong, P. LaRue, C. Agler, S. McNeill, B. Wilkin, K. Butler, S. Burley. *Third row:* M. Poling, S. Buechner, G. Mercer, B. Feigert, S. Miller, P. Reynolds, M. Kohorst, C. Mason, B. Foote, M. Turner, C. Coon, S. Dougal. *Fourth row:* M. Waldron, J. Myers, G. Bilbro, M. McCachran, R. Tolan, P. Heare, G. Harden, B. Carter, S. Burnett, W. Bate, R. Shell, B. Smith, R. Poling, D. Hyre, D. Turner, B. Hawk, G. Crosby. *Fifth row:* J. Drake, J. McVay, P. Stanley, D. Mosier.

Band

Under the able direction of Mr. Jay Hall, the Van Wert High School Band opened its marching season with a performance at the Fair. Soon, they presented the halftime shows during football season which the fans found so entertaining.

Basketball games were "livened up" by the Pep Band, whose rousing rendition of the fight song never failed to enthuse players and spectators alike.

Many hours of practice were spent in preparing for the opening of the band's concert season, the winter concert. During the closing weeks of April, they had yet another engagement with the people of Van Wert, the annual spring concert, Spring-Tasia.

The band received a rating of "excellent" at District Contest. The season closed with performances at Baccalaureate and Commencement.

PRESIDENT JIM DRAKE
 VICE PRESIDENT MARY ANN MILLER
 SECRETARY DOLLY SCERBA
 PUBLICITY KAREN KING



The marching band performs at the Homecoming festivities.



Front row: D. Frysinger, T. Dustman, M. Jones, R. Poling, J. Droll, L. Loyer, G. Roebke, E. Hertel. *Second row:* G. Frysinger, B. Feigert, B. Butler, J. Branfield, K. King, M. Martin, M. McCachran, J. McCollum, B. Camp. *Third row:* V. Ferrell, J. Karst, J. Saylor, B. Hoverman, D. Dull, S. Williman, J. Purmort, K. Laemmle, K. Kaduk. *Fourth row:* F. Sinning, D. Turner, D. Myers, L. Knittle, D. Klewer, C. Wilkin, K. Klutka, M. Ries, K. Warden, J. Stewart. *Fifth row:* R. Fox, T. Pontius, D. Poling, H. Dirham, H. Boyd, C. Harrington, S. Hirschy, B. Russell, S. Scott, C. Myers, D. Davis, N. Siders, B. Dasher, K. Butler.

Concert

Under the direction of Mr. Larry Schaufelberger, the Van Wert High School Concert Choir had its most successful season since the Class of 1964 entered VWHS. The performances at Business-Education Day and the Thanksgiving Assembly opened the season for the Choir. With the Holidays came the Christmas Concert in Lincoln Gym, the Rotary performance at the YWCA, and the Christmas Assembly.

Soon began the intense practice for District and State Contests where a very proud choir received a rating of I from every judge and a final rating of Superior.

Tom Dustman, Deborah Dull, and a mixed octet received I's at State Solo and Ensemble Contest.

The climax of the year was the spring concert, "An Evening With the Concert Choir," which performed before a capacity crowd both nights.

Thirty-one seniors sang with the Choir for the last time at the Baccalaureate Services and the Commencement Exercises, marking the end of three years of hard work, fun, and the honor of being a member of the Van Wert High School Concert Choir.

Accompanist for the Choir, Miss Harriet Schaadt.



Front Row: S. Wheeler, J. Niblick, A. Harrington, J. Hall, D. Cline, G. Mercer, M. Kohorst, T. Miller, R. Gardner, Mr. Larry Schaufelberger. *Second Row:* S. Haines, S. Burley, M. Miller, S. Harrington, C. Green, M. McCachran, K. Harman, J. Tindall. *Third Row:* M. Tinker, J. Franks, L. Conn, P. Shumaker, B. Pheneger, J. Long, S. Kephart. *Fourth Row:* J. Huzzar, D. Sealscott, L. Jacobs, K. Vander-sommen, J. Giesy, G. Kreischer, P. Duncan, S. White, A. Williams. *Fifth Row:* C. Schwartz, S. Poling, D. Hofmann, J. Firestone, S. Mefferd, S. Taylor. C. Houg, L. Spoon, D. Henkle, J. Sampsell, J. Ride-nour, J. McVay.

Choir



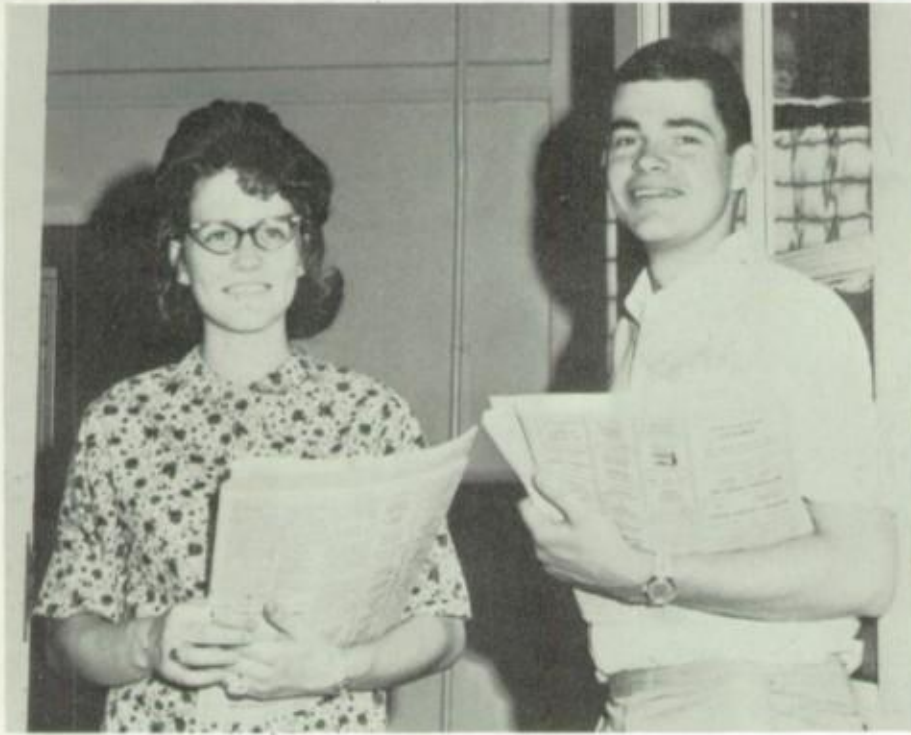
The seniors sing with the Choir for the penultimate time at Baccalaureate.

Scarlet Quill Staff

Our school newspaper is the Scarlet Quill. Each six weeks, the staff gives a summary of the school's activities. The paper features editorials, special columns, surveys, and original poems and essays. In each issue, the Scarlet Quill, along with the Student Council, honors the "Good Citizen" from each class. Working with the editorial staff, a large circulation staff distributes the papers and fills the students' subscriptions.



Sports Editor, John Tindall; Ass't. Editor, Lynn Loyer; Advisor, Miss Martha Lown; Editor-in-Chief, Gretchen Roebke.



Circulation Managers, Karol Kerns and Tom Schultz.



Editor Gretchen interviews Larry Zielke and Scott Niswonger.



Feature Writers, Joyce Purmort and J. B. Sampsell.



Business Manager, Tom Keltner; Advertising Managers, Delores Hofmann and Andrew Poole.



Typists, Carol Crow and Ellen Hertel.

Excalibur Staff

The Excalibur Staff had the year-long project of putting people and events into words and pictures. We will never forget the many meetings when we gossiped as much as we worked, the dozens of captions, the deadlines we didn't meet, and the gallons of Pepsi we drank. Nor will we forget the beautiful Homecoming which we sponsored, or the fabulously successful candy sale in which we earned a profit of almost one thousand dollars.



Ass't Editor, Janis Wyandt; Continuity Editor, Sharyl Schwartz; Art Editors, Susan Taylor and Susan Poling.



Photography Editor, Robert VanAusdall; Assistant, Rebecca Roggenkemper; Photographers, Tom Schultz, Mary Ann Miller, and Roger Walker.

Editor-Angeline Harrington



Organization Editors, Karen King and Dolly Scerba; Sports Editor, Dave Hyre; Activities Editor, Cheryl Houg.



Advertising Manager, Jill McCollum; Business Manager, Mary Lou Hoverman; Ass't. Business Manager, Tom Schultz; Sales Manager, Karen Elston.



Typists, Ruth Ann Dyke and Kathryn Emery; Advisor, Mr. Gorden Ferrell.

Student Council

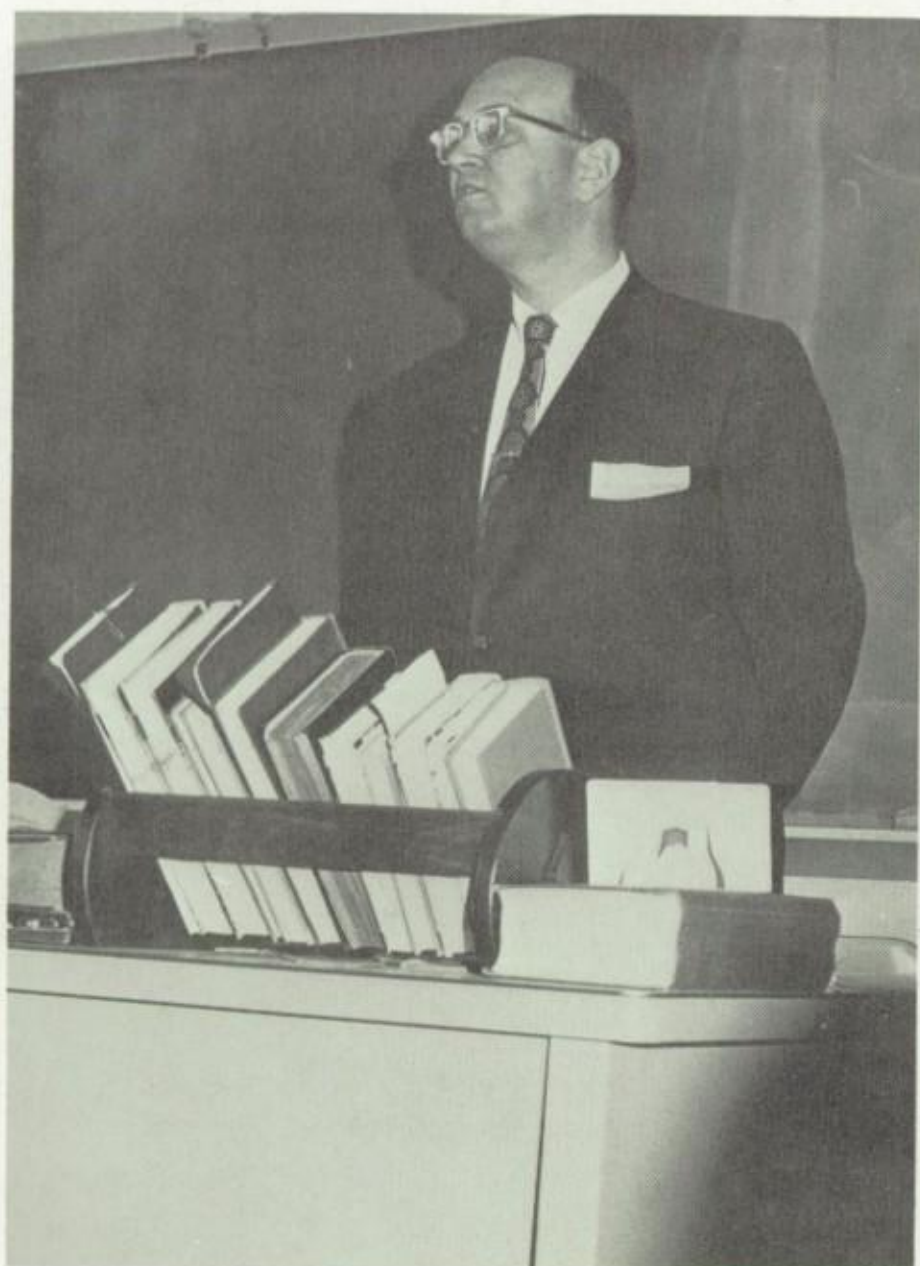


Front Row: Mr. Hendricks, Gig Davis, Stuart White, Cheryl Agler, Barbara Roggenkemper, Karen Laemmle. *Second Row:* Kim Davis, Karen Elston, Nikki Elliott, Jill McCollum, Barbara Dasher, Donna Cobb, Lyda Morgan. *Third Row:* Don Poling, Steve

Rogers, Julie Droll, Larry Mengerink, Sharyl Schwartz, Linda Knittle, Chuck Steele. *Top Row:* Dan Gunsett, Phil Endicott, Bob Van Ausdall, Mike Ralston, Stan Kephart, Gary Poling, Dave Price, Jerry Walters.

PRESIDENT - GIG DAVIS
VICE PRESIDENT - STUART WHITE
SECRETARY-TREASURER - CHERYL AGLER

The members of the Student Council are the representative government for the student body, working together with the administration to solve the problems facing our school. The Council meets every two weeks. Under the guidance of Mr. Johnson and Mr. Hendricks, they discussed problems and projects which would improve school life. Some of their activities were selling shakers during football and basketball seasons, and operating the paperback bookstore throughout the year. During the Christmas holidays, they sponsored the "Miss Basketball Program;" at the close of football and basketball seasons, they honored the parents of the players. Also sponsored by the Student Council were two sock hops, "Locker Clean-Up Week," and Career Day.



Career Day speaker gives us information concerning his profession.

"There will be a Student Council meeting today the seventh period in room 512 . . ."



Many worthwhile books are available at the paperback bookstore.



"So what if they're not the same size?" Student Council members took charge of the shoe check at one of its sock hops.

Senior Y - Teens



Front Row: B. Dasher, L. Ralston, S. Harrington, R. Jones, S. Mefferd, N. Good, J. Branfield, S. Taylor, K. King, L. Loyer, M. McCachran, K. Klutka, Mrs. Cropper. *Second Row:* A. Harrington, J. Huzzar, C. Winters, D. Connors, J. Pate, M. Coyle, S. Webster, S. McMillen, C. Geisman, S. Schwartz, D. Scerba, J. Giesy. *Third Row:* G. Roebke, R. Roggenkemper, D. Bowersock, E. Rinard, B. Wilkin, K. Runnion, D. Dull, P. Kanney, S. Burley,

M. Wagonrod, P. Rice, D. Sealscott, S. Pritchard. *Fourth Row:* J. Richey, J. Droll, B. Roggenkemper, K. Laemmle, J. Baker, J. Roberts, D. Hofmann, L. Jones, C. Craig, K. Emery, S. Fuerst, E. Rohr, J. Beagle. *Top Row:* C. Houg, S. Poling, L. Knittle, N. Pflum, S. Foote, C. Wehage, C. Miller, B. Russell, C. Harrington, B. Schnepf, A. Lake, C. Gipe, J. Hooker.

Senior Y-Teens present a skit, "The Toymaker."



The Senior Y-Teens, composed of junior and senior girls, helps to enrich religious and social life. With the assistance of Mrs. Cropper, the girls sponsored the Valentine Dance and the Easter assembly. They attended the county-wide Y-Teens banquet, entertained their mothers at tea, and held a joint meeting with the Junior-Senior Hi-Y.

At their monthly meetings, guest speakers presented a variety of programs. Donna Wermer from Station WERT explained her career in radio, and Coach Otis Coon described some basic football plays. A skit by the members of Y-Teens portrayed prejudice against the minority groups. They concluded the year with the induction of officers for the coming year.

PRESIDENT - SUSAN TAYLOR
VICE PRESIDENT - SHARON MEFFERD
SECRETARY - KAREN KING
TREASURER - NANCY GOOD

Junior Y - Teens



Front Row: Miss Sidner, H. Smith, C. Wilkin, N. Elliott, C. Agler, D. Smith, C. Green, M. Tinker, M. Ries, M. Martin, K. Wilhelm, Mrs. Brooks. *Second Row:* K. Kaduk, V. Thomas, K. Warden, D. Conley, B. Jerome, C. Gribler, L. Morgan, A. Ayres, L. Baker, C. Coon, G. Lippi, D. Comer. *Third Row:* B. Good, M. Emery, B. Tobias, S. Price, C. Schwartz, S. Wermer, J. Franks, D. Dasher, J. Elder, L. Swoveland, S. Beck, L. Faszler, H. Brown. *Fourth*

Row: J. Bushong, C. Klausing, S. Doner, H. Schaadt, L. Van Ausdall, T. Baltzell, L. Clifton, R. Myers, K. Gunsett, L. Taylor, K. Haller, D. Cobb, P. Thomas, C. Killion. *Top Row:* S. McNeill, M. Bashore, P. LaRue, B. Dershem, C. Miller, T. Runnion, B. Brickner, B. Hoverman, K. Reece, R. Schwartz, K. Davis, P. Wyandt, L. McGannon, B. Baer, S. Miller.

Learning to grow spiritually and socially is the goal of the Junior Y-Teens. This group, composed of freshmen and sophomore girls, participated in the "Hanging of Greens" and the county-wide Y-Teen banquet. They sponsored a dance, bake sale, and fashion show. They gave their mothers a tea and held a joint meeting with the Freshmen-Sophomore Hi-Y.

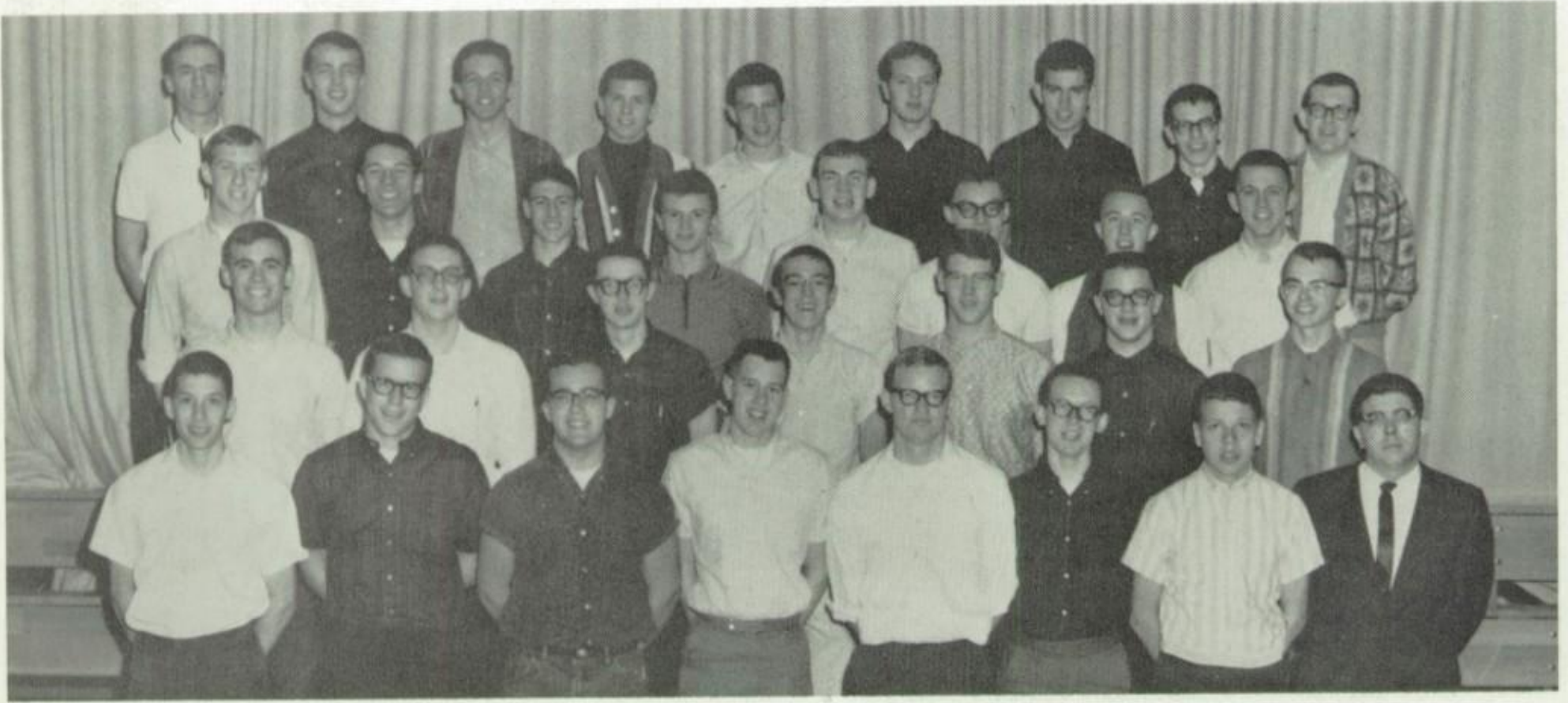
Their programs were given by guest speakers and the members themselves. Mrs. Chiles showed her slides of Europe and a program was given on hair styling. Advising them for the year were Mrs. Brooks and Miss Sidner.

PRESIDENT - CHERYL AGLER
VICE PRESIDENT - NIKKI ELLIOTT
SECRETARY - CAROL WILKIN
TREASURER - DEBBIE SMITH

The social hour provides a refreshing way to end each meeting.



Junior-Senior Hi-Y



Front Row: C. Gehres, R. VanAusdall, B. Smith, D. Gribler, P. Endicott, B. Hoverman, T. Compton, Mr. Palmer. *Second Row:* J. Drake, L. Zeilke, D. Orr, M. Baltzell, S. White, T. Smith, G. Poling. *Third Row:* S. Niswonger, C. Wise, D. Gamble, T. Stein-

metz, J. Ridenour, B. DuVall, B. Hunziker, R. Holbrook. *Top Row:* G. Crosby, R. Frysinger, C. Gair, R. Ley, B. Bolinger, J. Ingman, D. Hyre, B. Pheneger, S. White.



Building a better fellowship of boys was a goal for which the members of the Junior-Senior Hi-Y strived during the year.

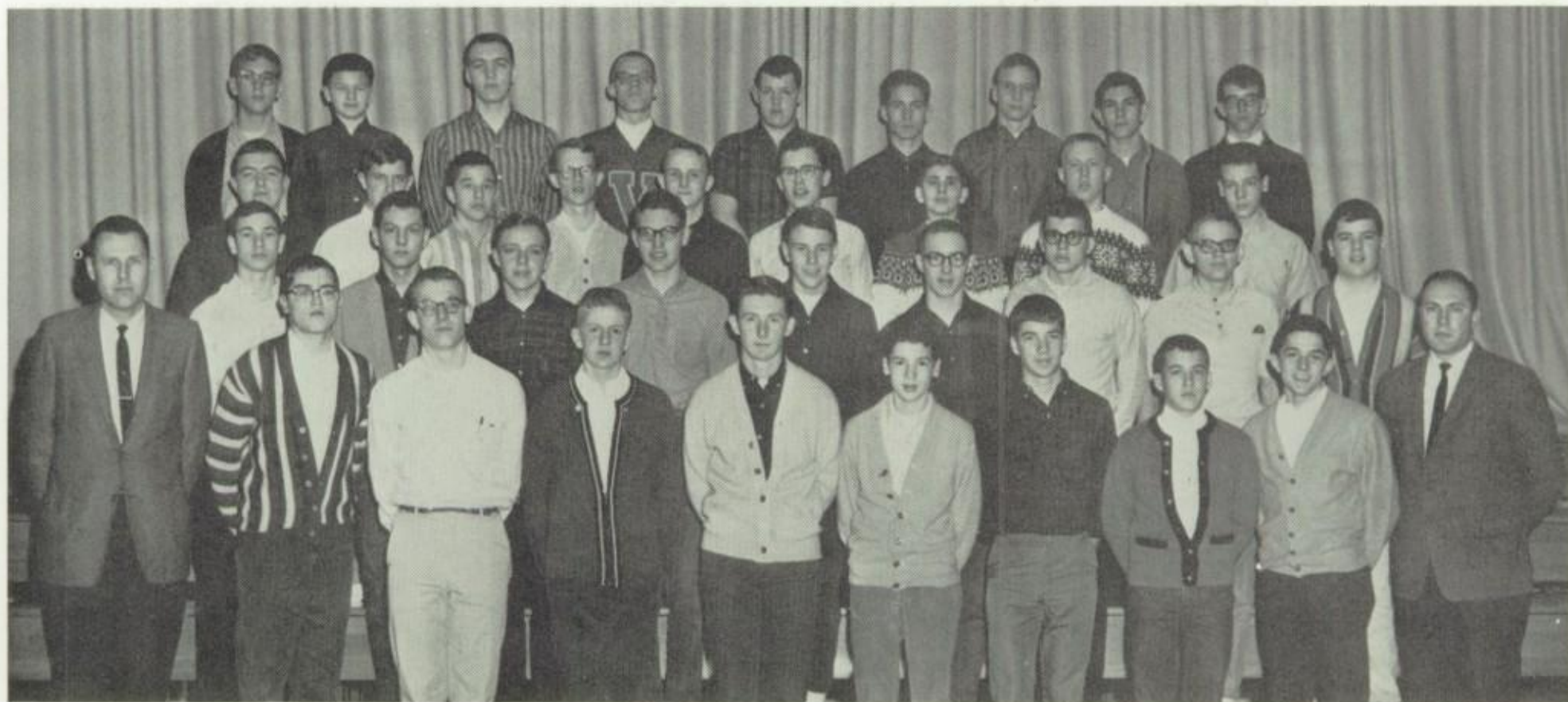
Advised by Mr. Kesler and Mr. Palmer, the club had a profitable year. They viewed movies on social problems and basketball. They also sold refreshments at basketball games and sponsored dances to add money to their treasury. From this, they donated \$150.00 to the swimming pool fund. At Christmas they gave fruit baskets to needy families in Van Wert.

One of their two basketball teams, the Beetles, participated in the Hi-Y basketball tournament held in Lima.

PRESIDENT PHIL ENDICOTT
VICE PRESIDENT BOB VanAUSDALL
SECRETARY DANNY GRIBLER
TREASURER BILL SMITH
CHAPLAIN BRUCE HOVERMAN

Ron Ley grabs a rebound for the Beetles. In this game, the team set an all-time scoring record of 166 points.

Freshman-Sophomore Hi-Y



Front Row: Mr. Manken, L. Games, P. Duncan, L. Tomlinson, J. Long, M. Steinmetz, J. Rice, D. Hunziker, D. Poling, Mr. Dolby. *Second Row:* B. Rager, M. Rowland, K. Davis, S. Karst, S. Sennebogen, D. Gunsett, T. Baer, G. Hertel, J. Drake. *Third Row:*

B. Lynch, H. Roberts, D. Anderson, B. Burnes, D. Dunlap, R. Poling, B. Carter, M. Poling, M. Klutka. *Top Row:* W. Branfield, J. Evans, F. Sinning, G. Frysinger, P. Beck, M. Williman, M. Ralston, B. Hall, J. Warden.

Promoting high standards of Christian character is the purpose of the Hi-Y. The Freshman-Sophomore Hi-Y, advised by Mr. Manken and Mr. Dolby, applied this purpose throughout the year. The members sold candy and donated the money to the YMCA World Service Fund. They also competed in basketball games.

Many interesting programs were presented at the monthly meetings. Dr. Chiles, who recently toured Europe, showed slides and discussed European churches. Another local man gave a program about Russia. A program of special interest was presented by Colin Lister, business manager for the Fort Wayne Komets hockey team.

PRESIDENT PHIL DUNCAN
VICE PRESIDENT LARRY GAMES
SECRETARY-TREASURER . . . JIM LONG
CHAPLAIN LARRY TOMLINSON



Bottoms Up!



OFFICERS AND CABINET—*Front Row:* Jane Hall, Ellen Hertel, Linda Knittle, Nikki Elliott. *Second Row:* Mrs. Whittington, Cherrie Coon, Betty Jean Elder, Julie Droll, Lyda Morgan. *Top Row:* Darlene Ringwald, Sharon Dougal, Janet Bushong, Susan Baldwin, Pamela LaRue.

Girls' Athletic



Paula Thomas and her interesting backswing at one of the Wednesday afternoon bowling sessions.



Miss Sidner referees one of the many after-school games.



Kim Runnion tries for a one-pointer from the charity stripe.

Association

Physical fitness could well be the motto for the Girls' Athletic Association. This club provides the opportunity for girls to accumulate points, which count toward earning numerals and letters, by participating in many sports activities.

An annual hike and a picnic at Jubilee Park opened the year. Volleyball, basketball, softball, and bowling were some of the more popular sports that continued throughout the year. Trimming the Christmas tree and honoring our athletes with a banquet were two of their major projects. The senior hike ended the year.

PRESIDENT ELLEN HERTEL
VICE PRESIDENT LINDA KNITTLE
SECRETARY NIKKI ELLIOTT
TREASURER JANE HALL



GAA basketball provides an outlet for excess energy, as well as a lot of fun and points.

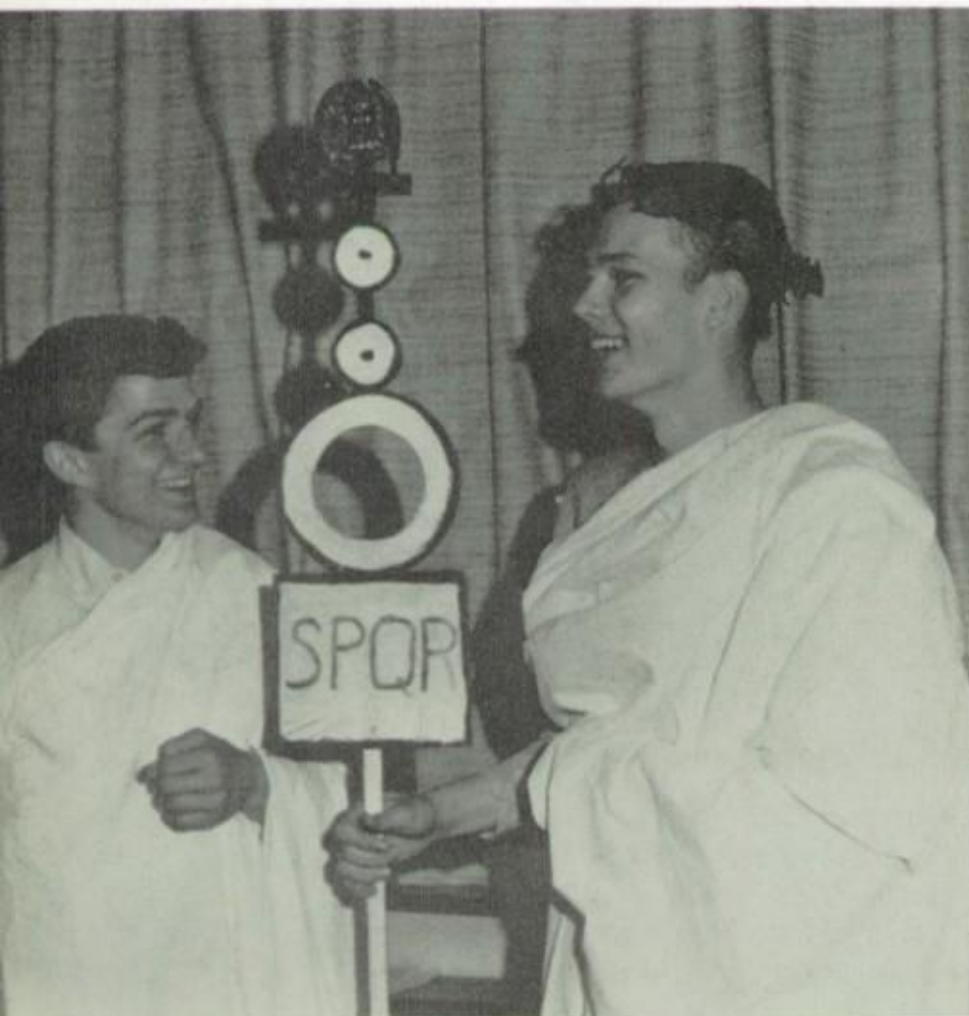
Latin Club



Front Row: N. Elliott, D. Price, S. Baldwin, C. Green, D. Poling, L. Games, C. Routt, P. Duncan, K. Davis, B. Burnes, C. Agler, K. Kaduk. *Second Row:* Y. Kreischer, M. Wagonrod, E. Pugh, L. Eversole, M. Tinker, C. Klausung, G. Lippi, E. Hertel, L. Jacobs, B. Baer, C. Stucky, D. Cline, N. Joseph, S. Harrington, N. Good, V. Moyer. *Third Row:* M. Drake, K. Reeder, D. Ringwald, B. Tobias, J. Franks, H. Smith, C. Wilkin, L. Faszler, M. McCachran, L. Loyer, M. Ries, D. Smith, K. Wilhelm, M. Martin, E. Rinard, D. Connors, B. Ringwald. *Fourth Row:* P. Holbrook, J. Firestone,

S. Buechner, S. Doner, B. Hoverman, B. Brickner, P. LaRue, L. McGannon, H. Schaadt, S. Wermer, S. Price, C. Schwartz, N. Siders, D. Klewer, J. Poole, A. Harrington. *Fifth Row:* C. Miller, M. McVay, S. Nihiser, G. Kreischer, G. Mercer, M. Waldron, M. Steinmetz, B. Crone, J. Rice, C. Kennedy, D. Anderson, C. Steele, D. Kirchenbauer, G. Cryer, D. Martin, M. Jones, N. Anderson. *Sixth Row:* J. Kerns, M. McCachran, H. Roberts, R. Miller, R. Poling, J. McVay, F. Sinning, M. Fisher, J. Roberts, S. Gehres, E. Gardner, S. White, L. Zieke, T. Miller, J. Games, R. Harvey.

Even when not in Rome, do as the Romans do anyway.



Largely due to the Latin Club and the able guidance of Mrs. White, ancient Roman ideas and customs are still alive in Van Wert High School. During the second semester, the club had monthly meetings which all sophomores, juniors, and seniors taking Latin were invited to attend.

The inauguration of the newly elected officers opened the year with proper ceremony. The induction was an imitation of the famed Huntley-Brinkley newscasters. The remaining meetings provided skits, plays, and games. The eleventh annual Roman Banquet was held in May. Those attending dressed in Roman style and as mythological characters, and were served by freshman slaves. The feast, consisting of authentic food was the highlight of the year.

Consuls: Don Poling and Cindy Green
Praetors: Charles Routt and Susan Baldwin
Aediles: Kim Davis and Cheryl Agler
Tribunes: Dave Price, Larry Games, Nikki Elliott
Board of Quaestors: Brian Burnes, Phil Duncan and Kathy Kaduk

PRESIDENT J. B. SAMPSELL
VICE PRESIDENT SHARON DOUGAL
SECRETARY TOM DUSTMAN

The French Club, an organization for those students having two or more years of French, began their activities at Christmastime by joining the Latin Club in singing French and Latin carols. During another meeting, Mrs. Brooks, their advisor, showed slides which she took while visiting France. For a special treat, the members had the opportunity to taste French foods. Near the close of the year, the members planned a picnic.



"Les élèves de français" partake of a French snack as they attempt to read the *Paris Match*.

Le Cercle de Français



Front Row: T. Dustman, J. Sampsell, S. Dougal. *Second Row:* C. Underwood, J. Giesy, S. Schwartz, K. King, J. Beagle, L. McClellan, Mrs. Brooks. *Third Row:* D. Scerba, A. Feasby, P. Dustman, P. Rice, L. Gipe, J. Showalter, A. Harrington, C. Coon, P. Wyandt. *Fourth Row:* G. Davis, D. Hunziker, T. Compton, D. Dull, C. Harrington, C. Harmon, T. Runnion, P. Shumaker, C.

Crow, G. Roebke. *Fifth Row:* B. Feigert, G. Uncapher, L. Tomlinson, B. Hunziker, D. Schaffner, M. Young, B. Albright, D. Patterson, D. Kreischer. *Sixth Row:* B. Zinsmeister, B. Albright, C. Mengerink, C. Rogers, P. Fleming, P. Beck, F. Prasser, S. Burnett, D. Brown, L. Jackson.

Junior Rotarians



Front Row: Gary Davis, Michael Hipsley, Bruce Hoverman, Bruce Pheneger, Roger Walker. *Middle Row:* Andrew Poole, Bill Smith, Dale Poling, Phil Fell, Phil Endicott, J. B. Sampsell, *Top Row:*

Larry Mengerink, Tom Schultz, Robert Van Ausdall, Bill Bolinger, Ron Shell, Tom Keltner, Gary Crosby, Charles Gehres.



The Honors Committee selects a group of senior boys each year to represent Van Wert High School at weekly Rotary meetings. Two Junior Rotarians attend the meeting every Monday noon for a month. They have the opportunity to discuss community affairs with men who represent various business organizations in Van Wert. A lunch is served, and a summary of current events is given. Following this, the boys report on activities going on in our high school.

"... and the all-school play is scheduled for next Friday," J. B. Sampsell informs Rotary members.

"V" Club

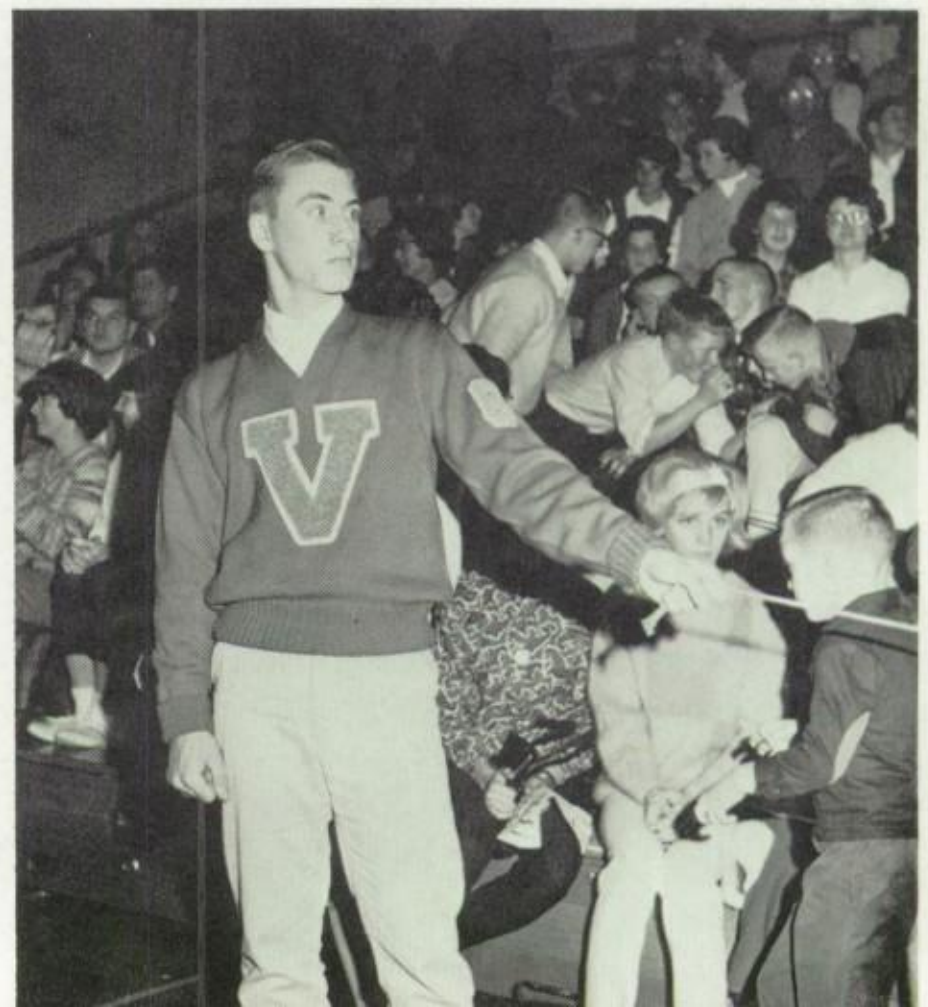


Front Row: C. Houg, J. Droll, S. Schwartz, L. Mengerink, J. Tindall, G. Crosby, J. Hall, J. McCollum, K. Kaduk. *Second Row:* C. Steele, L. Lynch, B. Hunziker, R. Ley, G. Davis, R. Harvey, M. Young, Mr. Livingston. *Third Row:* S. Hirschy, T. Steinmetz, B. Butler, M. Baltzell, T. Foreman, R. Gardner, C. Gehres. *Fourth*

Row: A. Williams, S. Niswonger, Y. Chavarria, B. Bollinger, B. Crone, T. Waldron, D. Price. *Fifth Row:* D. Frysinger, T. Tindall, T. Keltner, J. Saylor, G. Frysinger, R. Holbrook, H. McKeddie, J. Pollock. *Top Row:* P. Endicott, B. Reidenbach, V. Ferrell, C. Eberle, D. Baer, B. Marvin, K. Harmon, R. Fox.

Promoting good sportsmanship is the obligation of the "V" Club member. To become a member of this organization, boys must earn their Varsity "V" and the girls must be Varsity cheerleaders. It is the responsibility of each person to uphold the school's honor at all times and to promote respect among its members. Many of the members attended the annual Lettermen Dance at St. Marys. This dance helps the athletes of the Western Buckeye League to become better acquainted. One duty of the members is to keep the fans off the basketball court during halftime. Advising the "V" Club is Mr. Glenn Livingston.

Scott Hirschy performs one of his duties as a "V" Club member as he keeps spectators off the playing floor at halftime.



Future Teachers of America



Front Row: D. Poling, M. McCachran, G. Roebke, S. White, Mr. Hendricks. *Second Row:* L. Baker, C. Schwartz, S. Wermer, L. McClellan, L. Loyer, L. Faszler, P. Winters, P. May. *Third Row:* J. Richey, L. Gipe, P. Wyandt, B. Dasher, J. Franks, N. Siders, K. King, S. Poling. *Top Row:* C. Routt, B. Phenegar, M. Bate, J. Branfield, C. Harmon, C. Houg, D. Scerba, J. Sampsell.

The Future Teachers of America enables students to get an insight of the teaching profession. During the year, a variety of programs was presented. Mr. Branfield and Mr. Johnson spoke on school administration. At another meeting, members participated in a skit about a typical classroom and saw a movie about a field of teaching. A few members were given the opportunity to do substitute teaching in a local elementary school. The highlight of the year for the juniors was the annual spring trip to the teaching conference at Bowling Green State University.

PRESIDENT - GRETCHEN ROEBKE
VICE PRESIDENT - MARILYN McCACHRAN
SECRETARY - DALE POLING
TREASURER - STUART WHITE

Future Nurses of America

Throughout the year the Future Nurses were made aware of the world of modern nursing. With their advisors, Mrs. Jarvis and Mrs. Marxen, they toured the Miami Valley Hospital. The head surgical nurse and the pediatric nurse from the Van Wert County Hospital gave them insights on different operations which take place in a hospital. The club saw a movie and they held a party at Christmastime.

PRESIDENT - JOYCE PURMORT
TREASURER - FRANCES SHEEHAN



Front Row: Mrs. Jarvis, J. Giesy, F. Sheehan, M. Wagonrod, E. Rohr, B. Dresbach. *Second Row:* P. LaRue, M. Ries, C. Schwartz, B. Ringwald, B. Burnes, M. Drake. *Third Row:* J. Beagle, C. Crow, J. Lianez, C. Miller, M. Turner, D. Ringwald.

National Thespians

The National Thespian organization is composed of students interested in the area of dramatics. Each year, the school play provides the opportunity for Thespians to act, or to help in the technical crews "behind the scenes," such as lighting, sound, stage, costume, make-up, properties, and publicity. Through this experience, they learn not only the techniques of acting, but also the appreciation of dramatic writing.

PRESIDENT DEDE CONNORS
VICE PRESIDENT DEBORAH DULL
SECRETARY-TREASURER
. NANCY ANDERSON



Front Row: D. Connors, J. Purmort, R. Roggenkemper. Second Row: K. Mohr, G. Roebke, H. Schaadt, P. Dunn, J. Sampsell. Third Row: L. Zeilke, J. Drake, P. Fell, Mr. Waldron. Top Row: J. McVay, C. Routt, L. Games.

National Forensic League



Front Row: G. Roebke, P. Kanney, D. Connors, M. Wolverton, S. Stump, Mr. Waldron. Second Row: S. Poling, S. Taylor, N. Glander, D. Anderson, F. Sheehan. Third Row: P. Fell, J. Sampsell, C. Routt, P. Dunn, B. Lynch.

The National Forensic League, advised by Mr. Waldron, offers an opportunity to interested students to study and perform in the areas of public speaking, debate, extemporaneous speaking, and dramatic and humorous interpretation. The speech club helps its members to develop confidence, and logical thinking when performing in public.

Several members performed before local civic groups and at contests. A number of them also attended a speech clinic held at Bowling Green State University.

Future Homemakers of America

The Mary Sawyer Chapter of the Future Homemakers of America helps to prepare a more efficient way for the homemakers of tomorrow. The advisors are Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Baker. Their programs have included Mr. Van Ausdall from the Chamber of Commerce who showed his pictures of Van Wert, and a panel discussion on "What Values Boys Look for in a Girl." The panel members were three senior boys: Gig Davis, Roger Holbrook, and Jim Drake. The club also operates the concession during football season. FHA concluded its activities by sending delegates to the State Convention and by taking a trip to an historical spot in Ohio.

PRESIDENT - SHARON MEFFERD
VICE PRESIDENT - JUDITH BAKER
SECRETARY - LINDA McNEAL
TREASURER - MARILYN WOLVERTON



Front Row: Mrs. Johnson, J. Baker, L. McNeal, S. Mefferd, M. Wolverton, S. Stump, Mrs. Baker. *Second Row:* A. Lake, N. Donnel, B. Dresbach, A. Reasoner, K. Miller, J. Thomas, L. Clay. *Third Row:* G. Baxter, P. Reynolds, S. Leiter, L. Walker, K. Smith, C. Blue, D. Hitchcock, L. Michael. *Fourth Row:* J. Thomas, K. Teeple, N. Chavarria, S. Wolverton, S. Beck, L. Brooks, M. Urton, C. Mason. *Fifth Row:* D. Speakman, T. Bushong, D. Glass, L. Metzger, C. Miller, C. Gipe, J. Hooker.

Audio - Visual Club



Front Row: Mr. Palmer, D. Martin, G. Cryer, D. Waldron, B. Coleman. *Second Row:* J. Woodruff, R. Conley, J. Hasselsworth, C. Johns, J. Leiter, T. Baer, R. Blanke, R. Routt, R. Matthews, D. Breese. *Top Row:* C. Burnett, K. Keltner, M. Kanable, G. Thatcher, M. Pruden, L. Mitchener.

The students and the teachers depend on the members of the Audio Visual Club to present the films. At the beginning of the year, Mr. Palmer instructs each member in his duties and that member is responsible for carrying out his work for the rest of the year. This service has not only been helpful to students but it has become a valuable aid to the teachers.

PRESIDENT - DAVE MARTIN
VICE PRESIDENT - JACK WOODRUFF

Vocational - Industrial Club

Working does have a good side to it and the members of the Vocational Industrial Club know this. Their club provides some of the social activities they normally miss by working in their desired vocation for half of the day. The members had a chance to attend two conferences in Columbus, where they elected the State officers and listened to various speeches. Two elected members also toured the State capital for a day.

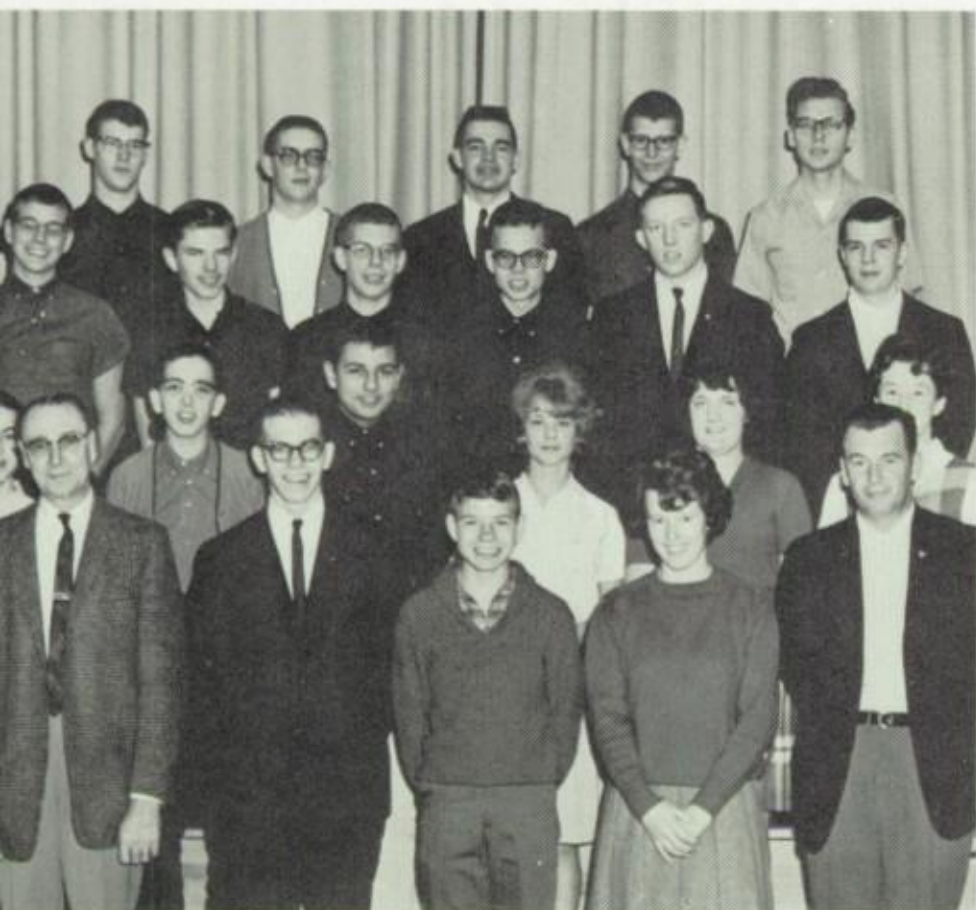
Mr. Clem, as advisor, assisted them in many of their projects. They raised money by sponsoring an after-game dance, raffling a turkey at Thanksgiving, and having a Saturday car wash. With their money, they had a roller skating party and invited their employers to an employer-employee banquet in April.

PRESIDENT - STEVE COYLE
VICE PRESIDENT - CHERYL GEISMAN
SECRETARY - JEAN AGLER
TREASURER - MIKE ARMY



Front Row: C. Geisman, M. Army, T. Rogers, S. Coyle. Middle Row: R. Shobe, D. Williams, B. Showalter, S. Conley. Top Row: J. Finkhousen, J. Wilson, D. Kyle, J. Ford, Mr. Clem.

Science Club



The purpose of the Science Club is to encourage and create interest in scientific research. Its members have an opportunity to express themselves in all fields of science. During the year's activities, they conducted experiments, reviewed recent scientific discoveries, and organized projects for research. They were advised by Mr. Hablitzel and Mr. McCuddy.

PRESIDENT - GREG CRYER
VICE PRESIDENT - JANE POOLE
SECRETARY-TREASURER - BRUCE PHENEGER

Front Row: Mr. Hablitzel, B. Pheneger, G. Cryer, J. Poole, Mr. McCuddy. Second Row: B. Collins, D. Martin, G. Sheehan, C. Duncan, J. Critchfield, K. Reeder. Third Row: D. Allenbaugh, M. Fleming, P. Walther, C. Burnett, A. Poole, J. Sampsell. Top Row: S. White, L. Zielke, T. Schultz, R. Grandstaff, E. Gardner.

Our World of



ACTIVITIES

Highlighting our lives in Van Wert High School were our special occasions and activities. Happy will be the memories of the dances we attended, the plays we saw and in which some of us took part, the banquets that always ended in indigestion, the band and choir concerts which were so entertaining, the exciting Homecoming festivities, and that "best Prom ever." These activities made our world enjoyable and memorable.





MISS SHARYL SCHWARTZ
1964 HOMECOMING QUEEN

Fall's traditional Homecoming festivities gaily began to the tune of "Sweet and Lovely." After the band had formed a huge heart on the field, Sharyl Schwartz was crowned Nineteen Sixty-Four Homecoming Queen by Carol Greisinger, last year's senior attendant. Queen Sharyl was presented with her scepter and roses by Co-captains Art Williams and Larry Mengerink. Helping to make the evening perfect, the Cougars scored a decisive victory over the Wapakoneta Redskins in a thrilling gridiron battle.

Following the game, the Queen and her Court reigned over the gala Homecoming Dance, sponsored by the Excalibur Staff. The theme of the dance, "Above the Stars," was carried out in both music and decorations. A galaxy of silver stars was suspended from a blue crepe paper heaven, creating an atmosphere of romance. Enchanted couples danced to the music of Lee Blanchard.

Susan Poling was in charge of decorations for the dance, and Rebecca Roggenkemper served as program chairman.



Enchanted couples dance to romantic music amid "heavenly" decorations.

Homecoming Highlights Football Season

Sharon Mefferd, Tina Baltzell, Queen Sharyl Schwartz, Debbie Conley, Jane Hall.



Snowball Is "Our Winter Love"

Highlighting the Holiday Season was the traditional Snowball. Encircling the glistening snowball, enchanted couples danced to the music of Marv Blanchard. Green and white streamers and snow-covered evergreen trees created a wintry effect. At the far end of the floor, the darkened silhouettes of a boy and girl could be seen through a picture window. Thus was the theme, "Our Winter Love," expressed.

Intermission entertainment was provided by Susan Harrington and Terry Slane, accompanied by Jeanne Fox. Together, they sang a medley of popular songs which included "Blowin' in the Wind," "One Hand, One Heart," "Days of Wine and Roses," "More," and "So in Love."

This year, each school in the county chose a couple as their candidates for Snowball King and Queen. Representing Van Wert High School were Sharyl Schwartz and Larry Mengerink.

Students from Van Wert High School serving on the planning committee were: Angeline Harrington, Bruce Pheneger, Gary Poling, Susan Harrington, Marsha Ries, Larry Games, Kathy Davis, and Don Anderson.



Sharyl Schwartz and Larry Mengerink were our candidates for King and Queen.



These light-hearted couples don't mind sharing the dance floor with the evergreen trees.



Susan Harrington and Terry Slane sang a medley of popular songs for entertainment at intermission.

Gig and Jane Reign Over Valentine Dance



QUEEN AND KING OF HEARTS
Jane Hall and Gig Davis

"Songs of Love" was the theme of the Valentine Dance, held February 14th. The theme was executed in red and white musical notes which had the titles of love songs written on them. Silver thrones graced the stage where Gig Davis and Jane Hall were crowned as King and Queen. The royal couple led off the first dance following their coronation, and were joined by the other candidates who were: Karen Elston, Angelina Harrington, Cheryl Houg, Jill McCollum, Sharyl Schwartz, Jim Drake, Larry Mengerink, Bob VanAusdall, Tom Waldron, and Art Williams.



The other candidates congratulate King Gig as the audience shows their approval.



The royal couple was the center of attraction as they danced.

"Desperate Ambrose" Rides into



"Don't look now, but that guy's mustache just ain't real!"

The arrival of "Desperate Ambrose" proved to be one of the rootinest, tootinest productions ever to hit Van Wert. This gut-splitting satire on the Old West rode into Lincoln Gym on a sultry March 20.

The play centered around Ambrose Groves and Bert Miller, two pussy-footed vaudeville comedians whose talents were to be tried in Dead Man's Gulch. In this wild and wooly town, our heroes were mistaken for the meanest of gunslingers, Homer the Kid and Gunsmoke Carter. They accepted their new roles with grandeur, although the rewards were questionable. At the end of three hilarious acts, happiness ruled at the point of a gun.

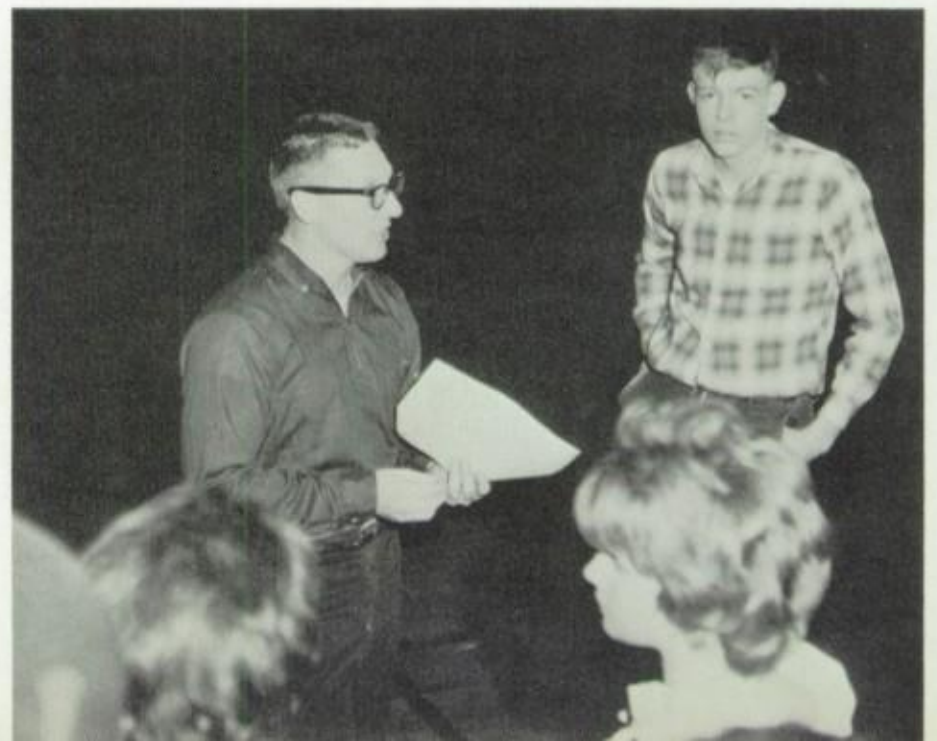
Mr. Waldron, ramrodding these little ole mavericks, was assisted by his side-kick, Gretchen Roebke. A hustlin' crew of fifty-four vigilantes fetched the gang's every need. The outstanding directing and performing combined to make "Desperate Ambrose" a rip-roarin', shoutin'-snortin' success.



"Dan'l, you-all hear me? Wake up!"



"As I live and breathe!"



"O.K. kids, shape up or ship out."

the Hearts of Van Warters

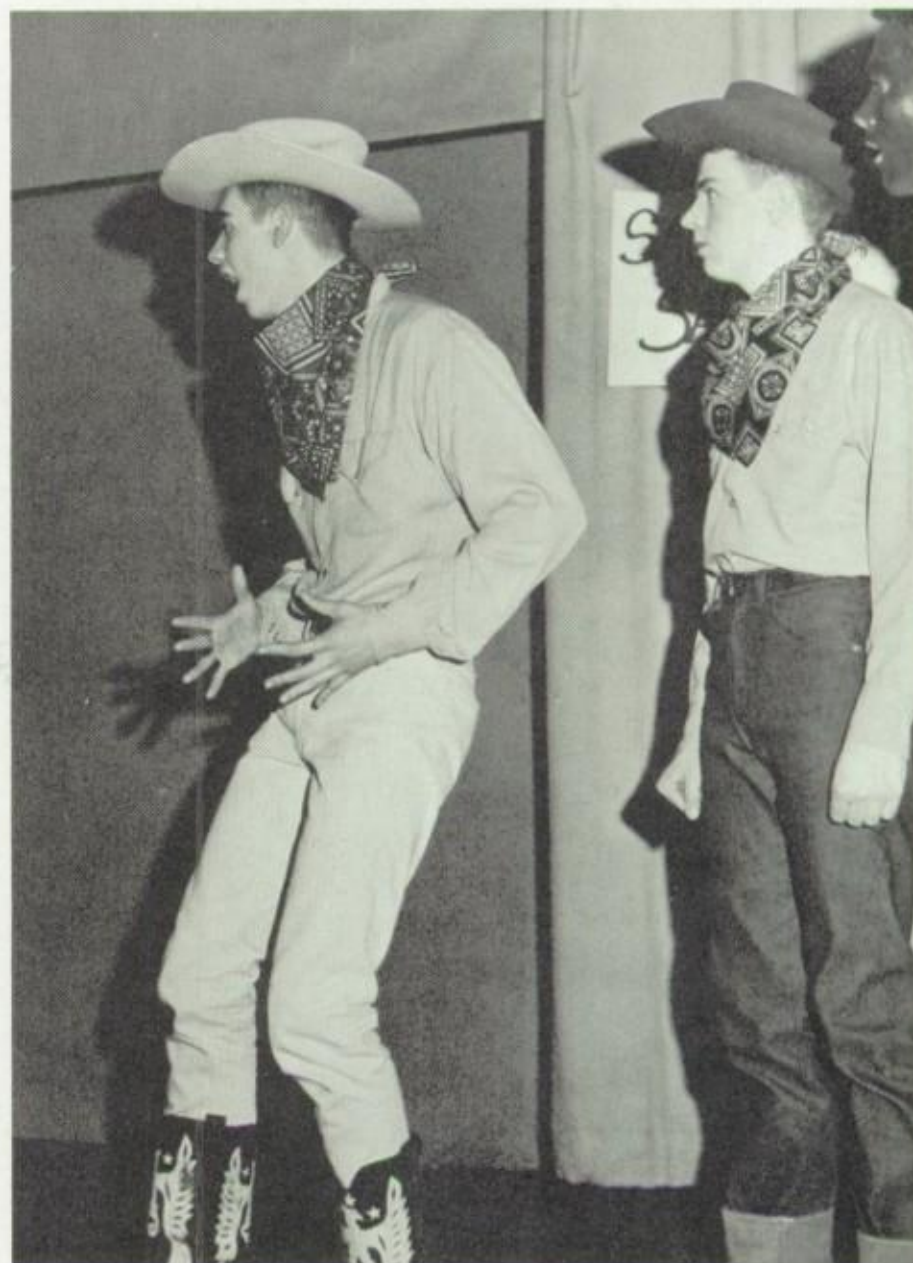


Front Row: Rebecca Roggenkemper, Harriet Schaadt, Kathy Mohr, Joyce Purmort, Dede Connors, Lynn Loyer. *Second Row:*

J. B. Sampsell, Mike Kanable, Larry Games, Phil Fell, Larry Zielke, John McVay, Charles Routt, Paul Dunn.

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Ambrose Groves	Phil Fell
Bert Miller	J. B. Sampsell
Sheriff Crandel	John McVay
Hoot Owl Pete	Larry Games
Stinkweed	Paul Dunn
Dan'l	Charles Routt
Nancy Martin	Joyce Purmort
Anne Martin	Kathy Martin
Posie	Lynn Loyer
Beth	Harriet Schaadt
Mrs. Sprool	Rebecca Roggenkemper
Lena	Dede Connors
Judge	Larry Zielke
First Man	Mike Kanable
Second Man	Jim Drake



"Is this guy for real?"

Symphonic Band Performs Spring

The annual "Spring-Tasia", presented by the Van Wert Symphonic Band, was held on April 10th in the High School Auditorium.

During the first half of the concert, the band played "The Pearl Fishers Overture", "Symphony Number I in G Minor," and "American Overture for Band." After the intermission, the band played "Fairest of the Fair," "The Four Hornsmen" (featuring the French horn section), "The Penny-Whistle Song" (featuring the flute section), selections from "The King and I" and "Manhattan Beach." A final march by John Philip Sousa ended the performance.

The Van Wert High School Band is conducted by Mr. Jay L. Hall. Much of the success of the concert must be given to Mr. Hall and the various people who worked behind the scenes for the "Spring-Tasia." J. B. Sampsell, who was the narrator for the concert, gave the audience the background and interpretation of each selection.

Performing in their last concert were nine seniors: Mary Ann Miller, Dolly Scerba, Karla Butler, Karen King, Dale Poling, Gary Crosby, Dave Hyre, Ron Shell, Jim Drake.



"One of these days I'm going to get these #☆@# glasses fixed."

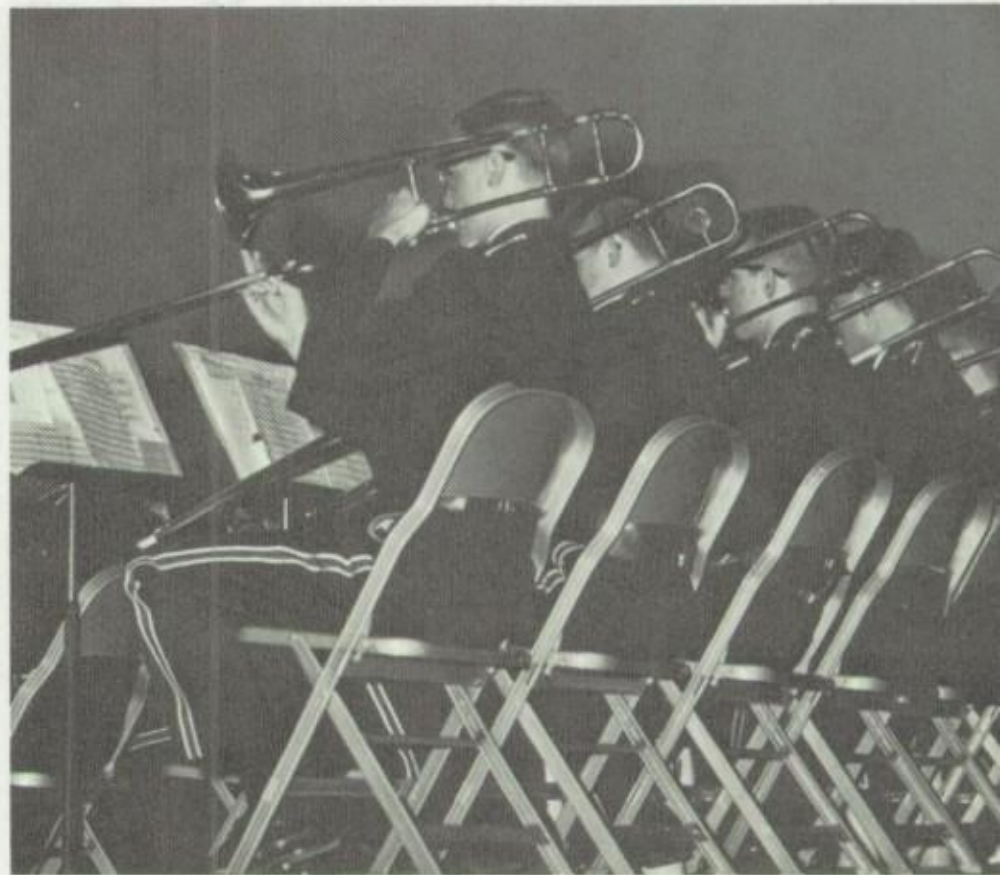
Neat lookin' band, huh?



Tasia Attired in New Uniforms



Ta-rah-rah-BOOM-dee-ay!



Seventy-six (minus 66) trombones led the big concert.



Taaarah . . . toot . . . squeak



Mallard's got a funny horn.

An Evening with the



"Habanera"
Susan Harrington



"Old Man River"
Tom Dustman



"Fish Gotta Swim"
Kathy Warden



"Gigi"
Dick Frysinger



The choir begins the final number of a very successful performance.

The Vocal Music Department of Van Wert High School presented "An Evening With The Concert Choir III" on May 8 and 9.

The formal segment of the concert, in which the Choir performed in their robes, began with the Van Wert High School Alma Mater. "August Noon," "Psalm 96," and "Little Innocent Lamb," the choir's State Contest numbers, were also sung at this time. The sacred songs were: "Blessing, Glory, and Wisdom," "How Bright These Glorious Spirits Shine," "None Other Lamb," "Go to Dark Gethsemane," and "Blessed is the Man." The final number, which has become a tradition with the Concert Choir, was "Madame Jeanette."

Susan Harrington performed the intermission solo. She sang "Habanera" from the opera Carmen.

For the second portion of the concert, called "Show Tunes Old and New," the members of the Choir appeared in formals and dinner jackets. This segment included selections from "The Desert Song," "Roberta," "Gigi," and "Showboat."

Concert Choir III



"Say a Prayer for Me Tonight"
Marilyn McCachran



"Romance"
Janice Giesy



"I'm Glad I'm Not Young Anymore"
John Ridenour



"Life Upon the Wicked Stage"
Karen Laemmle
Judy Stewart



"One Flower"
Terry Pontius
Joyce Firestone



"Make Believe"
Deborah Dull



"Don't Ask Me Not to Sing"
Susan Taylor, Gretchen Roebke, Susan Poling

"Some Enchanted Evening" Is Theme

"Some Enchanted Evening" was the theme of the Junior-Senior Prom, held on May 15. The theme was truly a fitting one, as the night was truly a memorable one.

Activity started early in the week as the juniors began the fun-filled but difficult task of decorating the Lincoln Gym. Soon, it was Friday night and the boys called for their dates early in order to attend the pre-Prom open house parties.

Upon arriving at the dance, many couples beheld the beautiful decorations for the first time. The center of attention was a wishing pond, crossed by a small bridge. Orchid and pink streamers formed the false ceiling and archways. Refreshments were served by the Home Economics Department. The evening quickly slipped by as over a hundred couples danced to the music of the Al Best Combo. After the Grand March, speeches were given by Gary Poling and Larry Mengerink, presidents of the Junior and Senior classes.

At midnight, the night had just begun as formals and dinner jackets were exchanged for shorts and slacks. Parents and civic groups sponsored free refreshments and bowling at the Olympic Lanes. The Lincoln Drive-In and the Happy Humpty also provided food and fun throughout the early morning hours. Toward dawn, many sleepy boys and girls traveled homeward full of memories that will last a lifetime.



Over a hundred enchanted couples in their most elegant attire dance the evening away,



The after-Prom activities begin at the bowling alley where food and fun are plentiful.



The chaperons pause for just a moment to rest their feet and have some refreshments.

of 1964 Junior-Senior Prom



Couples dance beneath a huge, red crepe-paper ball suspended from a pink and purple ceiling.



These brave fellows ascend the scaffold to begin the long and difficult task of hanging the ceiling.



The highlight of the evening is the Grand March, which gives parents, friends, and teachers a chance to view the many couples.



Many couples have the urge to test the durability of the centerpiece.



A cork tree and Ferdinand the Bull team up to provide a most entertaining skit.

On the eighteenth of May, the Latin students of Van Wert High School feasted at their annual Roman Banquet. "ab ova ad malo" (from egg to apple) describes the delicious assortment of food that was served at the banquet. Chicken, grape juice, and salad were the main items on the menu. Costumes of every description depicted various characters from Roman mythology and history.

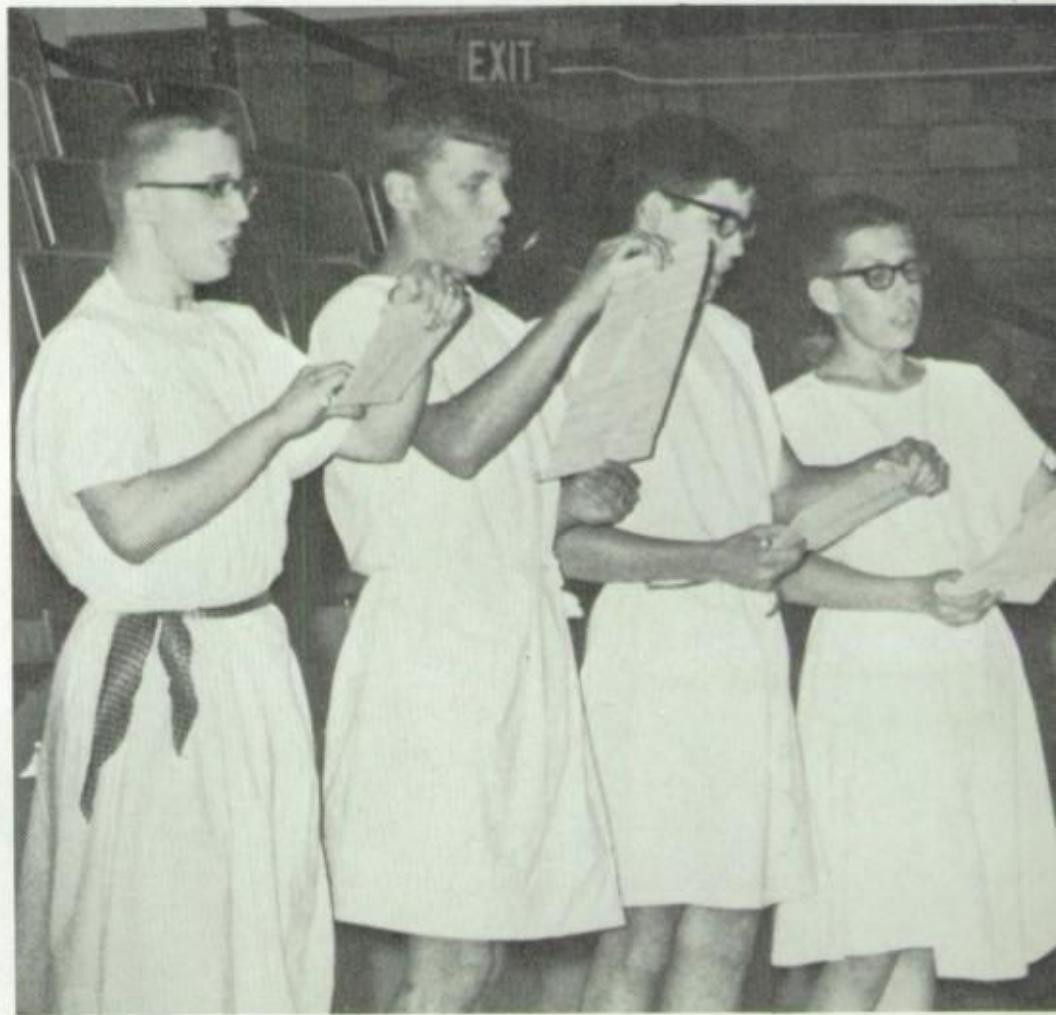
The slaves, freshman Latin students, served the hungry "Romans" and entertained them with singing and dancing.

A humorous skit, "Ferdinand Taurus," was presented by the members of the Latin III and IV class under the direction of Mrs. White.



Miss Kaduk seems quite concerned about the foreign matter in Socrates' eye.

Roman Banquet



The Freshman Boys Quartet sing several standard numbers Latin-style.

Always the primary reason for attending the banquet is the delicious food, served in the style of the ancient Romans.



Mr. Gorden Ferrell and Exalted Ruler, Mr. Robert Laing, present bonds to J. B. Sampsell and Gretchen Roebke for their achievement in scholarship and leadership.

Elks' Dance



Many seniors and their dates dance to the music of Karl Beach and his band.



"Why can't I have more than 32 cookies?" demands Art.

Our World of



PEOPLE

People are the material from which yearbooks are made. Teachers and students, administrators and custodians are all vital parts of our wonderful world of Van Wert High.

The purpose of our yearbook is to emphasize the worth and dignity of each of us, the people whose attitudes and aptitudes are so important to making our world complete.

People influence our lives more than any other factor. Our teachers guide us and help us to set our goals; our friends help to shape our personalities and our ideals. All these things must be done with the help of our parents, the most important people in our world.



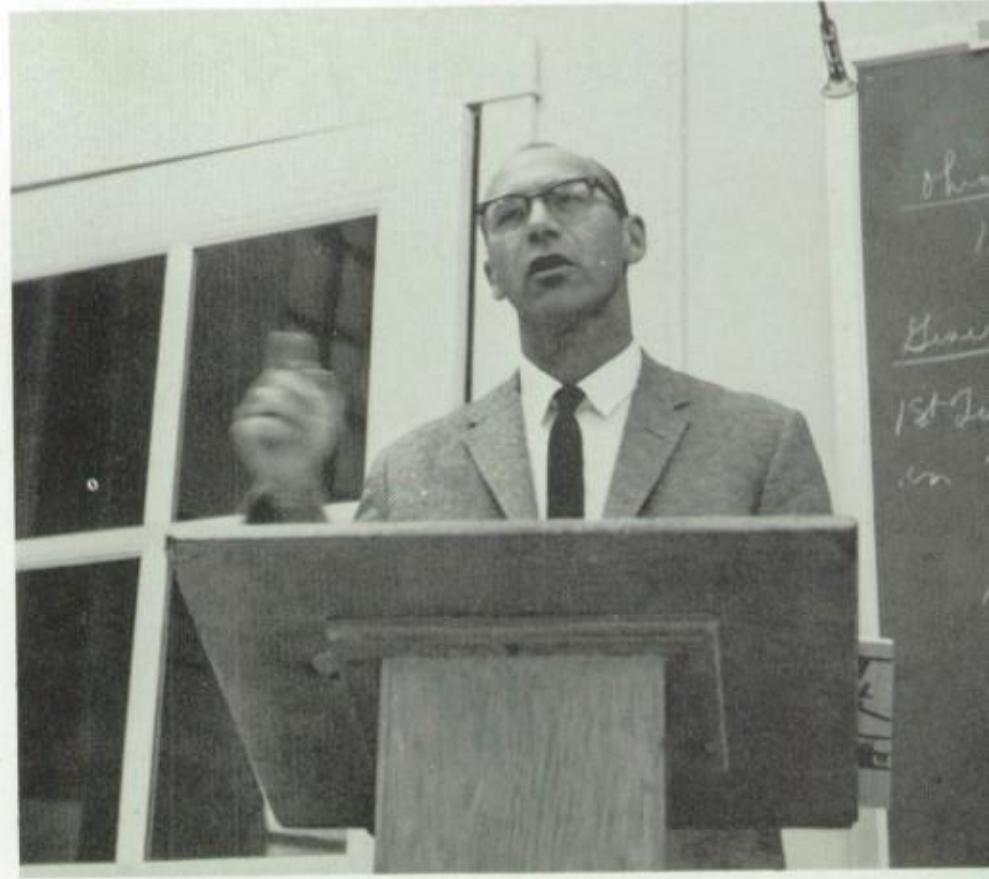
The Senior Class Proudly Dedicates Our

Mr. Coon is one of the most highly respected persons at Van Wert High, as our teacher of American Government, as our head football coach, and as our friend and advisor.

As freshmen, we were just a little afraid of Mr. Coon, but as seniors, that fear has turned to the deepest admiration. In the classroom, he respects everyone's opinion, and is quick to admit when (and if) he is wrong. He has taught almost every social studies course. On the football field, he is a hard-driving coach who believes that "winning isn't everything—it's the only thing."

Mr. Coon is a native Van Wenter. He attended Wittenburg University, majoring in Social Studies and Physical Education. Before coming to VWHS, he taught at Ayersville and coached the basketball team there. He was also principal at Horace Mann Elementary School for several years.

Mr. Coon is very active in the community. At present, he is serving as first-ward councilman on the City Council.



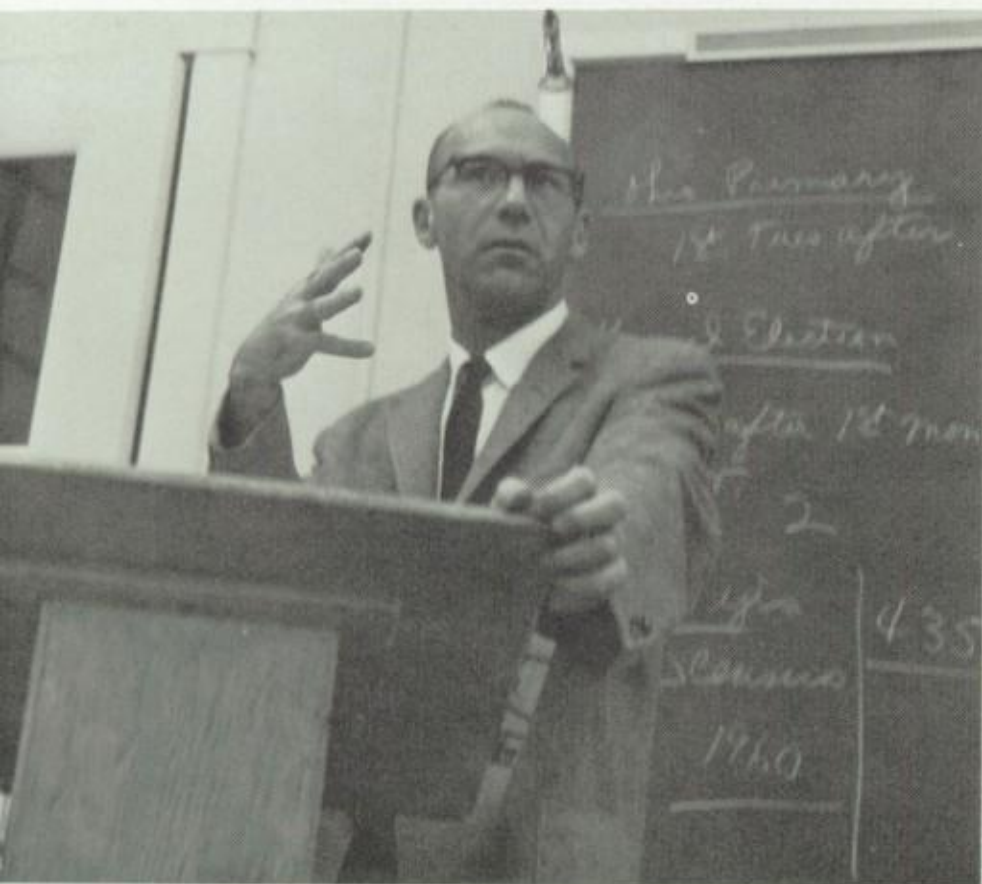
"I agree that Americans must be concerned with the starving people of the world . . .



Mr. and Mrs. Coon have a friendly discussion while chaperoning at Prom.

Mr. Coon never fails to raise the enthusiasm of the students when he speaks at pep assemblies.

1964 Excalibur to Mr. Otis Coon



... but that do-gooder wife of mine worries about feeding them before she thinks about feeding me!"



Coach Coon watches tensely from the sidelines.



Coach Coon congratulates Larry Mengerink after the Last Tackle ceremony.

Board of Education



Sitting: Mr. Maurice Williman, Mrs. Louanne Childs, Mr. Dwight Bennett, Superintendent; Mrs. Mary Shackley, Clerk. *Standing:* Dr. Edwin Burnes, President; Mr. Orin Deal, Mr. Cyril Bechtol.

**Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Dwight Bennett**



The Board of Education consists of five Van Wert citizens who give their time and services to promote better school conditions and facilities and to help maintain the fine standards of our public schools. The members of the board have regular meetings with Mr. Bennett to outline the policies of the program.

Former Van Wert superintendent, Mr. Dwight Bennett, assumed Mr. Branfield's position in the middle of the year. Mr. Bennett has quickly gained the respect and admiration of students and teachers alike.

Administration

In his first year at Van Wert High School, Mr. Vernon Johnson has shown the students the importance of having a principal who is the authority, but still an advisor and friend.

As our school has grown in size and prestige, so have the problems which confront our principal, but Mr. Johnson did a fine job in finding solutions to the many solutions to the many difficulties which arose.

His interest in the students' schoolwork as well as in their extracurricular activities will always be remembered and appreciated.



Principal
Mr. Vernon Johnson

Mrs. Esther Schumm

Teachers Are People, too . . .



Teachers have homework, too.

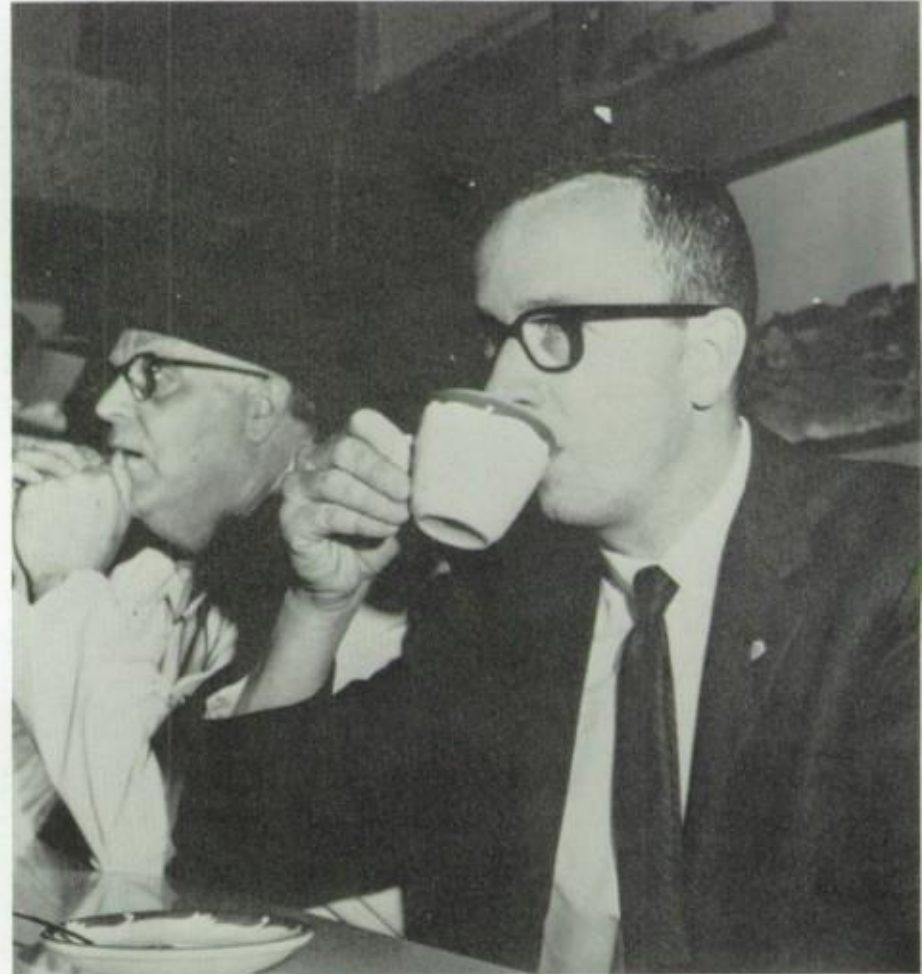
Teachers are an influential part of our world. Most of our waking hours are spent in the classroom where our teachers help to shape our goals and ideals.

Teachers, however, are people, too. They are not robots or IBM machines, but people with hearts and feelings and the need for fun. Many times we remember only the discipline in the classroom and the hours of homework, but teachers also take a personal interest in their students. They enjoy the friendly after-class discussions about everything from the Beatles to the World Series to international relations. Most faculty members spend spare hours advising clubs and student activities. Who else so willingly chaperones the after-game dances? (Probably just to learn the latest steps.)

Summer does not always mean a vacation for teachers. Some spend hours in college classrooms learning the latest techniques in teaching, and increasing their knowledge of many subjects.



Even Mr. Turner cannot resist Beatlemania. Actually, we prefer him bald.



Teacher is to coffee as student is to Coke.



Katherine M. Baker
 Subject: Home Economics III and IV
 College: Ohio State University
 Advisor to: Future Homemakers of America
"Educate a woman or girl and you educate a family."

Katharine S. Brooks
 Subject: French
 College: Western Reserve University, McGill University, Columbia University
 Advisor to: Junior Y-Teens, French Club
"Jamais nous ne goutons de parfait alle gresse: Nos plus heureux succes sont meles de tristesse."
"Never do we enjoy perfect happiness: our most happy successes are mixed with sadness."



Gerald D. Bowen
 Subject: American History
 College: Huntington College, Bowling Green State University, Ohio Northern University, Miami State University, Ohio State University, University of Missouri.
"You can't win them all!"

Larry L. Carney
 Subject: Orchestra
 College: Baldwin-Wallace College
"Learn to read, and you'll be educated indeed."



F. R. Brazen
 Subject: Drivers' Education
 College: Findlay College, Bowling Green State University
"Be humble, in all you do."

James Norman Clem
 Subject: Diversified Cooperative Training
 College: Fairmont State College, West Virginia University
"The successful person looks for work after he has found a job."



Bernard A. Bricker
 Subject: Bookkeeping I, Typing II, Office Practice, Office Machines
 College: Bowling Green State University, Toledo University
 Advisor to: Sophomore Class
"With ropes of the past, you will ring the bells of the future."

Otis J. Coon
 Subject: Government
 College: Wittenberg University, Indiana University
 Advisor to: Head football coach
"If you want to leave footprints in the sands of time, you'd better wear work shoes."





Evelyn G. Cropper
 Subject: Library
 College: University of Kentucky
 Advisor to: Senior Y-Teens
"The one who wins success is the one who makes hay from the grass that grows under the other fellow's feet."

Margaret Gilliland
 Subject: American History
 College: Northwestern University
"In this country opportunities abound for those who work to their fullest ability."



Rex E. Dolby
 Subject: Industrial Arts, Woodworking
 College: Manchester College, Ball State Teachers College, Michigan State University
 Advisor to: Freshman-Sophomore Hi-Y
"Whenever you do a thing, act so that it will give your friends no occasion for regret and your foes no cause for joy."

Ohlin Hablitzel
 Subject: Physics, General Science
 College: Ohio Northern University, Ohio State University
 Advisor to: Science Club
"Be slow to say out loud that which you would not want to be called upon to repeat."



Richard G. Dunn
 Subject: Art
 College: Bowling Green State University
"What you are building today will be yours tomorrow."

Jay L. Hall
 Subject: Band, Music Theory
 College: Bowling Green State University, Colorado State College, University of Michigan



Gordon Ferrell
 Subject: English
 College: Defiance College, Ohio State University, Indiana University
 Advisor to: Excalibur
"On my honor, I will do my best."

Fred G. Hendricks
 Subject: Guidance
 College: Toledo University, Defiance College, Indiana University, Ohio State University
 Advisor to: Future Teachers of America, Senior Class, Student Council
"Preparation is the key which unlocks the door when opportunity knocks."





Paul Eugene Hughes
Subject: World History,
American History
College: Ohio University
Advisor to: Junior Class
*"Adolescence: Is neither
fish nor beast; therefore,
it must be foul."*

I. G. Katterheinrich
Subject: Stenography I
and II, Typewriting I and
II
College: Bliss College,
Cincinnati University,
Kent State University
*"Every day in every way,
master each day's lesson,
And life for you, along the
way, Should become much
more pleasant."*



Mary Lawrence Jarvis
Subject: English III and
IV
College: Ohio State Uni-
versity, Wittenburg Uni-
versity
Advisor to: Future Nurses
of America
*"God has given you two
eyes, two ears and one
mouth so that you can see
more and hear more than
you say."*

Richard W. Kesler
Subject: Boys' Physical
Education, Health
College: Ohio Northern
University
Advisor to: Junior-Senior
Hi-Y, Freshman Class
*"It's not the size of the
dog in the fight; It's the
size of the fight in the
dog."*



Duane L. Jessup
Subject: Social Studies,
Social Problems, Econom-
ics, World History
College: Wilmington Col-
lege

Nicholas Klutka
Subject: Mechanical
Drawing
College: University of
Florida, University of
West Virginia
Advisor to: Boys' Intra-
murals
*"Success is not measured
by the heights one attains,
but by the obstacles one
overcomes in the attain-
ment."*



Virgil Johnson
Subject: Home Econom-
ics
College: Ohio State Uni-
versity
Advisor to: Future Home-
makers of America
*"Everyone has the same
amount of time each day
to spend; it is how you
spend it that makes the
difference."*

Glenn H. Livingston
Subject: Biology
College: University of
Michigan, Columbia Uni-
versity
Advisor to: "V" Club
*"Success is the goal of
life. Let your efforts be
crowned with that re-
ward."*





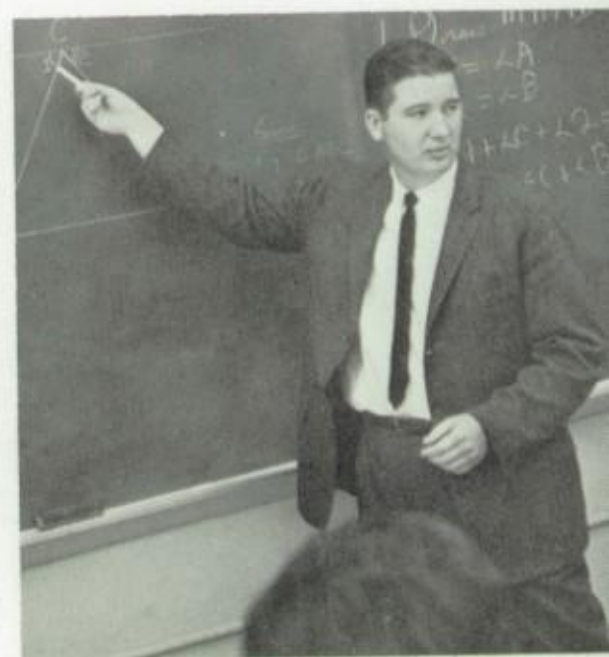
Martha Lown
 Subject: English II
 College: Bowling Green State University, Ohio State University
 Advisor to: Scarlet Quill
"But today, well lived, makes every yesterday a dream of happiness and every tomorrow a vision of hope."

Larry W. Schaufelberger
 Subject: Choir
 College: Ohio Northern University, Ohio State University
"Give everything you have to every note."



Ralph Emerson McCuddy
 Subject: General Science, Biology
 College: Ohio State University
 Advisor to: Science Club
"Success impinges upon the degree to which one utilizes or wastes his particular set of talents."

Richard Lowell Shively
 Subject: Algebra, Geometry
 College: Bowling Green State University
 Advisor to: Youth for Christ
"What's worth doing is worth doing well."



Gerald Manken
 Subject: Industrial Arts
 College: Ohio State University
 Advisor to: Freshmen-Sophomore Hi-Y
"The best way to kill time is to work it to death."

Mary Frances Sidner
 Subject: Algebra
 College: Bowling Green State University
 Advisor to: Junior Y-Teens
"Success in life is a matter so much not of talent or opportunity as of concentration and perseverance."



William Lockwood Palmer
 Subject: Guidance Counselor
 College: Miami State University
 Advisor to: Audio Visual Club, Junior-Senior Hi-Y

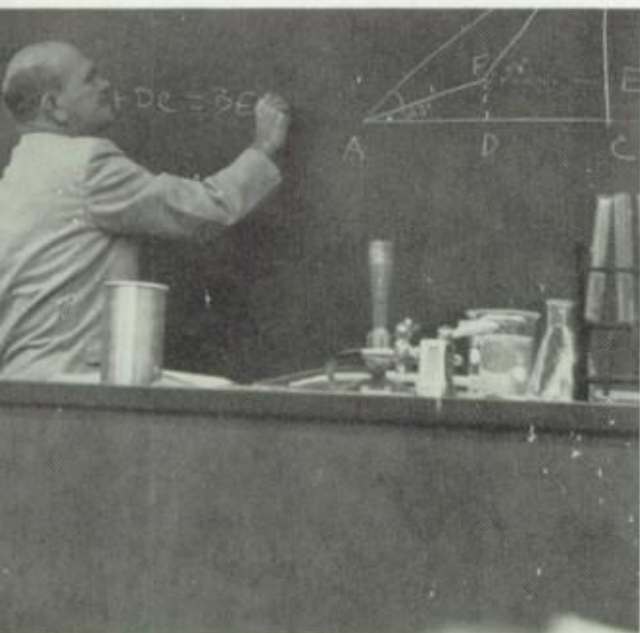
Gilbert E. Smith
 Subject: Freshman Mathematics, Review Math
 College: Defiance College, Columbia University
"It's not the size of the dog in the fight, but the size of the fight in the dog."





Lelia Mouser Sunday
 Subject: English III
 College: Western Reserve University.
"Duty is the sublimest word in our language. Do your duty in all things. You cannot do more. You should never wish to do less."

Eleanor G. White
 Subject: Latin
 College: Oberlin College, Wellesley University.
 Advisor to: Latin Club, Honor Society.
"Labor omnia vincit."



Perry Turner
 Subject: Chemistry, Advanced Math
 College: Ohio Northern University, United States Military Academy, Ohio State University, New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, University of New Mexico, Xavier University.
"It's only relative."

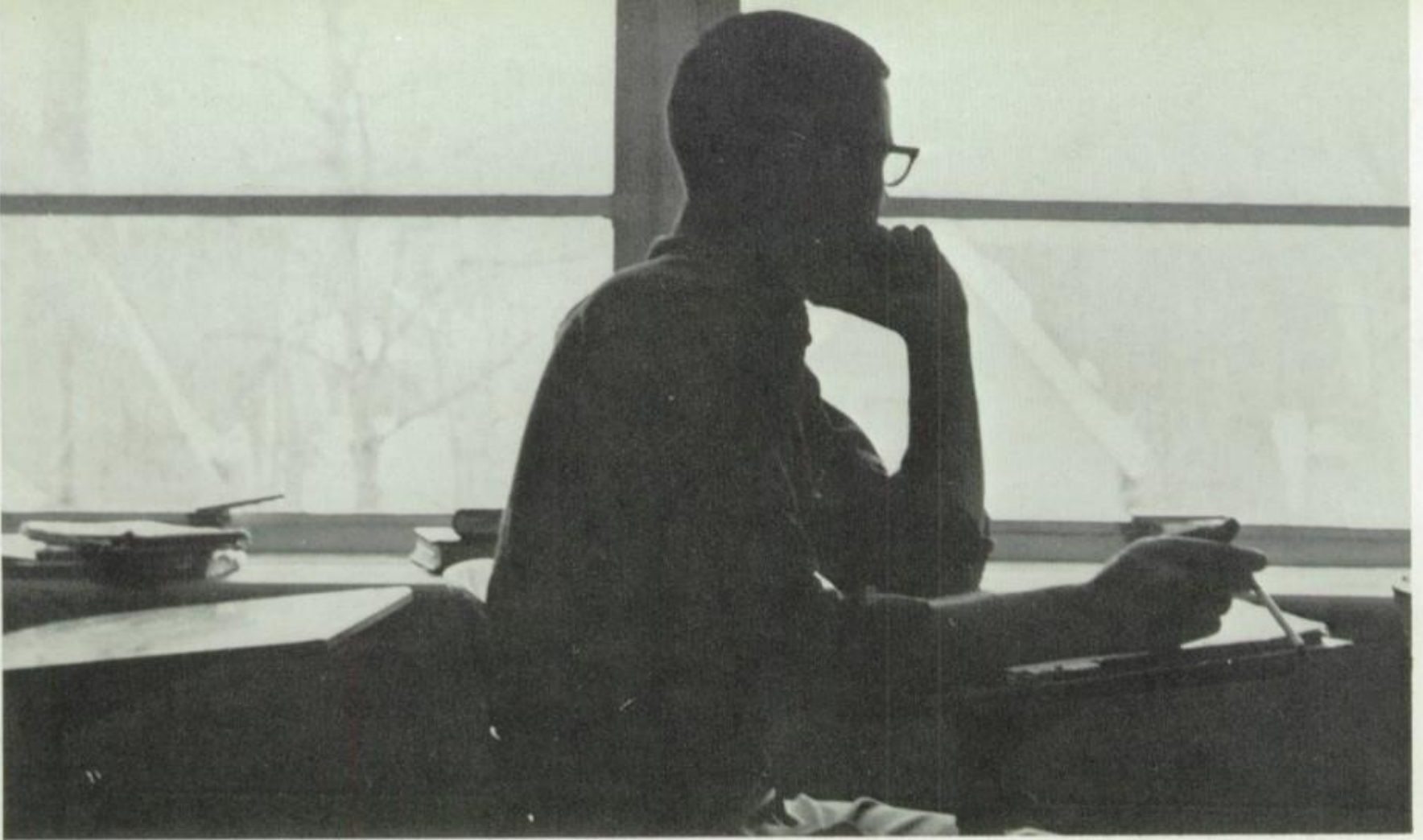
Sally S. Whittington
 Subject: Girls' Physical Education, Health
 College: Ohio Northern University
 Advisor to: Cheerleaders, Girls' Athletic Association, Girls' Intramurals.



Alvin Waldron
 Subject: English I and Speech
 College: Bowling Green State University, University of Colorado.
 Advisor to: National Forensics League, National Thespian Organization, director of "all school" play.
"An antonym for knowledge" is "ignorance"; a synonym for "ignorance" is "bondage".



*Front Row: Mr. Thomas, Mrs. Thomas, Mr. Shaw.
 Back Row: Mr. Lake, Mr. Shrum, Mr. Wheeler.*



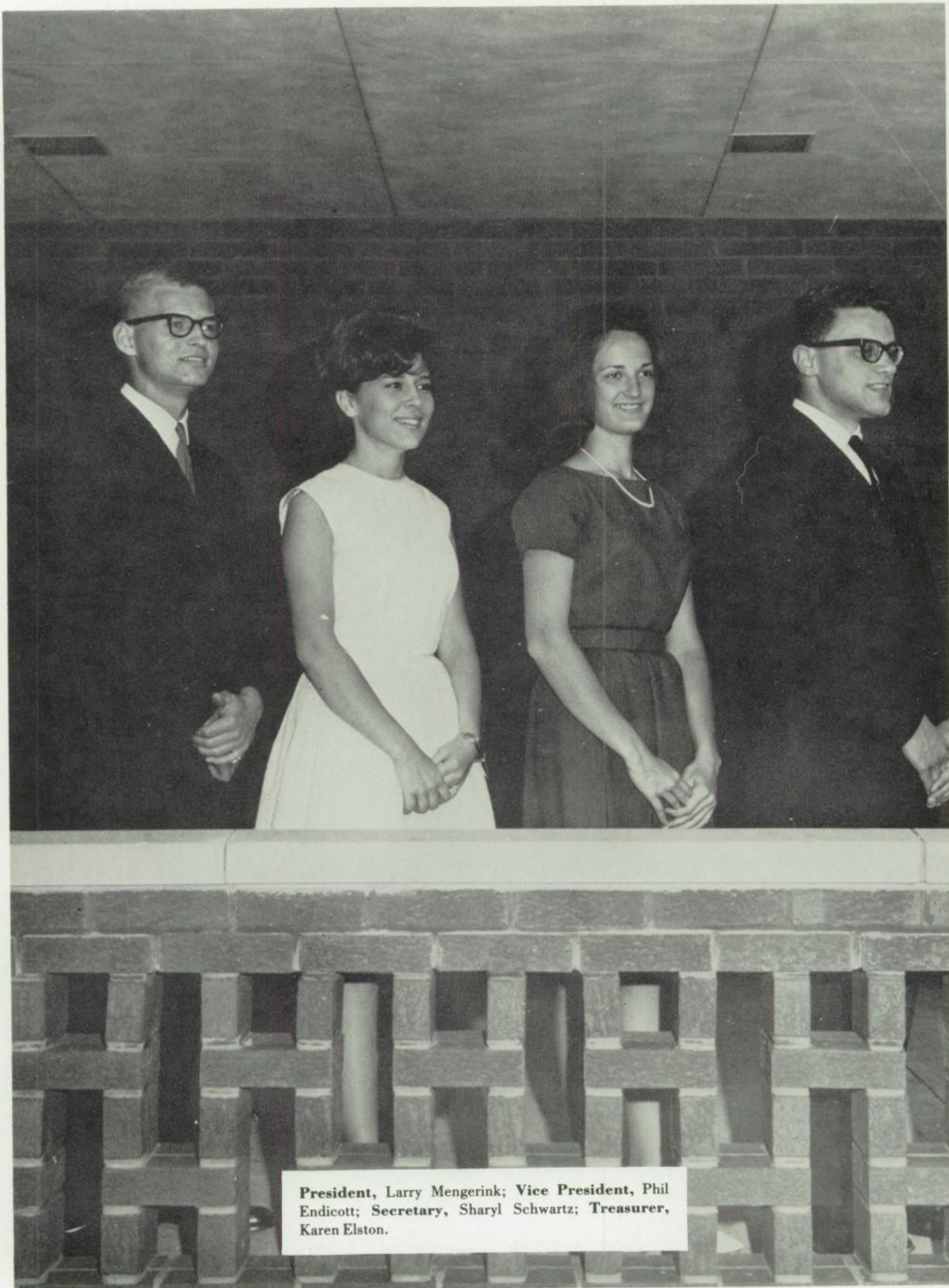
A senior has so many memories, so many dreams!

“Ours Is the World”

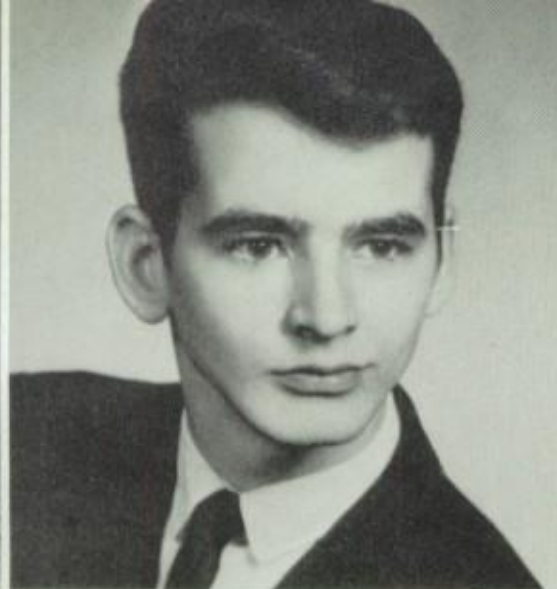
SENIORS

CLASS COLORS
Indigo and White

CLASS FLOWER
Violet



President, Larry Mengerink; Vice President, Phil Endicott; Secretary, Sharyl Schwartz; Treasurer, Karen Elston.



DEANNA ALLEN
Y-Teens 1, 2, 3; GAA 1, 2, 3; Latin Club 2; Chorus 1; Scarlet Quill Staff 4.

MICHAEL ARMY
DCT 3, 4, Treasurer 4.

"Mike"



JAMES AXE
Intramurals 3, 4.

"Tommyhawk"

PHILIP BARNES
Class Officer 1, 2; Baseball 1, 2; Basketball 1, 2; Intramurals 1, 2. (Roundhead High)

"Barney"

Our World Centers on Studies,

MARSHA BATE
GAA 2; FTA 1, 2, 3, 4; FNA 2, 3, Vice-president 3; Latin Club 2, 3; Band 1; Girls' State; National Honor Society 3, 4; Scholarship Team 1, 3.

JERALEE BEAGLE
Y-Teens 1, 4; French Club 4; GAA 1, 2; FNA 4.

"Jerrie"



SUSAN BENNER
GAA 1; Chorus 2, 3.

"Susie"

RICHARD BIRD
Science Club 2, 3, Secretary 2.

"Dickbird"

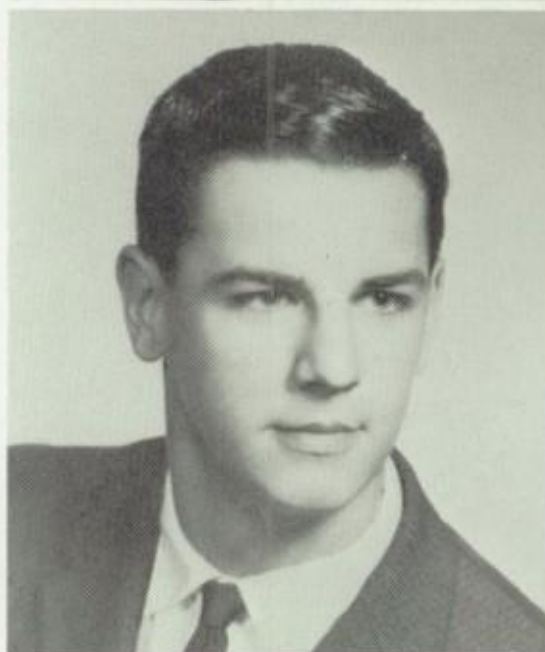


NANCY BLOCK "Blockhead"
Y-Teens 2, 3; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; Latin Club 2, 3; Chorus 1; Class Secretary 1.

WILLIAM BOLINGER "Cobbler"
Hi-Y 1, 2, 3, 4; V-Club 3, 4; Science Club 1, 2, 3; Latin Club 2, 3, Aedile 2; Chorus 1; Choir 2; National Honor Society 4; Junior Rotarian 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4.

CARL BOOHER
Hi-Y 1, 2; Latin Club 2; Track 2.

DENISE BREESE
Y-Teens 1, 2; FHA 1, 2, 4; DCT 3.



Activities, Other People, Merriment



KARLA JEAN BUTLER
Y-Teens 1, 2, 3, 4; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; FNA 2, 3, 4; Latin Club 2, 3; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1; Choir 2, 3, 4; Play Crew 4.

REBECCA CHAVARRIA "Beck"
Y-Teens 1, 2; GAA 1, 2, 3; Chorus 1, 2.



SANDRA CONLEY "Sandy"
FHA 3; DCT 4.

RONALD COUCH "Ron"
School Play 3; National Thespians 3, 4.

MARY COYLE

Y-Teens 1, 2, 3, 4; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1, 2; Choir 3, 4.

STEPHEN M. COYLE

"Rock"

Hi-Y 1, 2, Chaplain 2; DCT 4, President 4; Chorus 1; Football 1, 2; Track 3.

GARY CROSBY

Hi-Y 1, 2, 3, 4; V-Club 3, 4, Vice President 4; Latin Club 2, 3; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Dance Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Play Crew 3; Junior Rotarian 4; Scholarship Team 1, 2, 3; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 2, 3, 4; Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4.

CAROL CROW

GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; FNA 2, 3, 4; Latin Club 2, 3; Chorus 1; Excalibur Staff 4; Scarlet Quill 4.



We Have Gained Questioning Minds and



CHERYL DAILEY

Y-Teens 1; FHA 1, 2, 3, 4, Reporter 2; Chorus 1, 2.

BARBARA DASHER

"Barbi"

Y-Teens 1, 2, 3, 4, Cabinet 2, 3, 4; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; FTA 2, 3, 4; Latin Club 2, 3, Aedile 2; Student Council 4; Band 1, 2; Chorus 1; Choir 2, 3, 4; Play Crew 3, 4; Junior Prom Com. 3; Junior Ring Com. 3; Scarlet Quill Staff 4; National Thespians 3.



GARY L. DAVIS

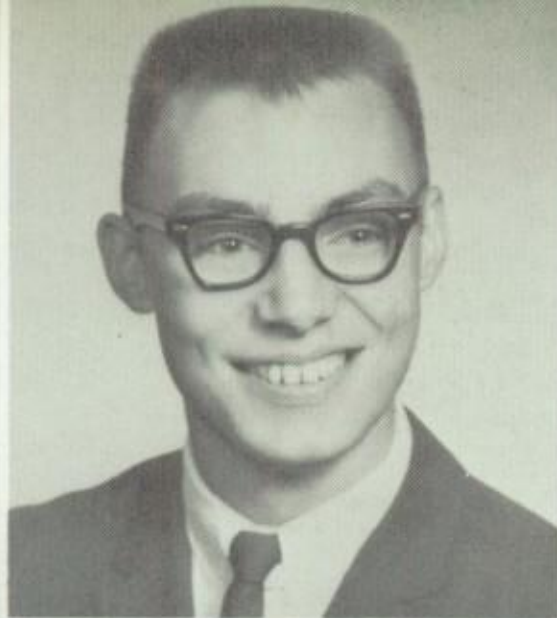
"Gig"

Class President 3; Hi-Y 1, 2, President 2; V-Club 2, 3, 4; French Club 4; Student Council 1, 2, 3, 4, Vice President 3, President 4; Boys' State 3; Junior Rotarian 4; YM Junior Board 3, 4, Vice President 3, President 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4, Captain 4; Track 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2; Junior Prom Com. 3; Junior Ring Com. 3; Sr. Invitation Com. 4; Valentine King 4.

DONALD DEMPSEY

"Rosco"

Hi-Y 1; Chorus 1.



JAMES MAURICE DRAKE

"Mallard"

Hi-Y 4; Science Club 1; Band 1, 2, 3, 4, President 4; Dance Band 3; Choir 2, 3; School Play 4; Track 4; Junior Prom Com. 3; Junior Ring Com. 3; Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4.

ROBERT DUVAL

"Bob"

Hi-Y 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1; Basketball 1; Junior Prom Com. 3; Intramurals 2, 3, 4.



RUTH ANN DYKE

"Ruthie"

FHA 1, 2, Secretary 2; Band 1, 2, 3; Junior Ring Com. 3; Excalibur Staff 4.

WILLIE EDDINS

"Oscar"

Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4.

Eager Attitudes on the Paths of Learning

BETTY JEAN ELDER

"Betz"

Y-Teens 1, 2; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4, Cabinet 4; Chorus 1; Junior Prom Com. 3.

KAREN ELSTON

Class Treasurer 4; Y-Teens 1, 2; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4, Secretary 3; Student Council 3, 4; Band 1, 2; Reserve Cheerleader 2; Junior Prom Com. 3; Excalibur Staff 4; Basketball Queen 4.



KATHRYN EMERY

"Kathy"

Y-Teens 1, 2, 3, 4; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1, 2; Excalibur Staff 4.

PHILLIP ENDICOTT

"Phil"

Class President 2, Class Vice President 4; Hi-Y 3, 4, Chaplain 3, President 4; V-Club 3, 4; Latin Club 2, 3, Consul 2; Student Council 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1; Junior Rotarian 4; Football 1, 3, 4; Basketball 1; Track 2, 3, 4; Junior Prom Com. 3; Scarlet Quill Staff 4; Intramurals 2, 3, 4.





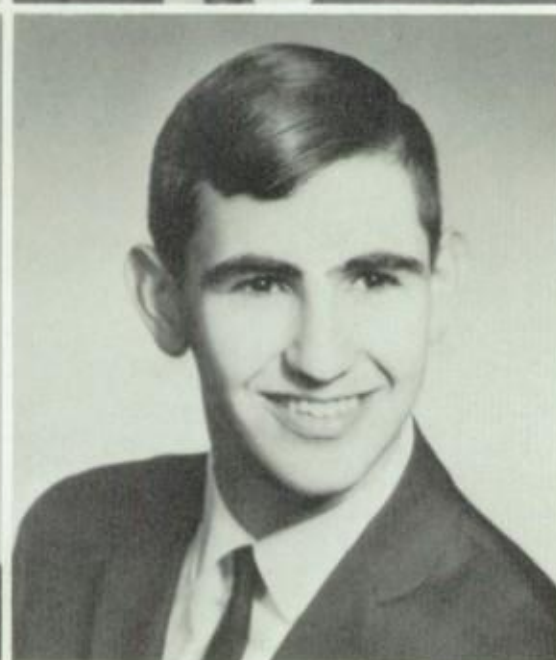
CAROL FEASBY

Y-Teens 1, 2, 3; Latin Club 2, 3; Chorus 1.

PHILLIP FELL

Latin Club 2, 3; Band 1, 2; School Play 4; Boys' State 3; Junior Rotarian 4; Basketball 3; Tennis 4; Intramurals 1, 4; Debate Team 1, 2; Masque and Gavel 1; National Thespians 4; National Forensic 1, 2, 3, 4.

"Phil"



J. C. FORD

Hi-Y 1, 2; DCT 4; Chorus 1; Football 1, 2; Baseball 1.

"Jay"

RICHARD FOX

Hi-Y 2, 3; V-Club 4; Latin Club 2; Chorus 1; Choir 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Junior Prom Com. 3; Intramurals 3.

"Smokey"

Education Teaches Us to Withstand the

RICHARD FRYSDINGER

Hi-Y 1, 2, 3, 4; V-Club 3, 4; Latin Club 2, 3; Chorus 1; Choir 4; Football 1, 3, 4; Track 2, 3, 4.

"Zeke"

MICHAEL FUERST

Football 1; Basketball 1.

"Mike"



SHEILA FUERST

Y-Teens 3, 4; GAA 3, 4.

CHRIS GAIR

Hi-Y 3, 4; Play Crew 3; Intramurals 3.

"Painter"



EDWARD GARDNER "Ed"
Science Club 4; Latin Club 4; National Honor Society 3; State Science Fair 4.

CHARLES GEHRES "Chip"
Hi-Y 1, 4; V-Club 3, 4; Latin Club 2, 3; Junior Rotarian 4; Track 2, 3, 4; Intramurals 4.

CHERYL GEISMAN
Y-Teens 1, 2, 3, 4; DCT 4; President 4; Latin Club 2, 3; Band 1, 2, 3; Chorus 1.

DELORES GERMANN "Germ"
Chorus 1.



Pressures of the College and Business Worlds



JANICE GIESY
Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Cabinet 4; FNA 2, 3, 4; Latin Club 2; Band 1; Chorus 2; Choir 2, 3, 4; Scarlet Quill Staff 4.

BRENDA SUE GILLILAND
GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; FTA 1, 2, 3; V-Club 3; Latin Club 2, 3; Chorus 1; School Play 2; Reserve Cheerleader 2; Varsity Cheerleader 3; Scarlet Quill Staff 4; National Thespians 2.



CAROLYN GIPE
Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; FHA 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1, 2; Junior Prom Com. 3.

LINDA GIPE
FTA 2, 3, 4; Latin Club 2, 3; Band 1, 2; Play Crew 4.

DANIEL GRIBLER "Bullet"

Hi-Y 3, 4, Treasurer 3, Secretary 4; Football 1, 2, 3; Junior Prom Com. 3; Intramurals 3, 4.

RONALD GRUBB



JANE HALL

Y-Teens 1, 2, 3; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4, Treasurer 4; V-Club 4; Latin Club 2; Band 1, 2; Chorus 1; Choir 2, 3, 4; Reserve Cheerleader 3; Varsity Cheerleader 4; Homecoming Attendant 4; Valentine Queen 4.

KEITH HARMON

Chorus 1; Choir 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4.

"Red"



We Have Filled Our Spare Hours with Sports,



ANGELINE HARRINGTON

Y-Teens 1, 2, 4; GAA 1, 2, 3; Snowball Committee 4; Latin Club 2, 3, 4; French Club 4; Chorus 1, 2; Choir 3, 4; Play Crew 3; National Honor Society 3, 4; Scholarship Team 1, 2, 3, 4; Junior Prom Committee 3; Excalibur Staff 4, Editor-in-Chief.

"Angie"

CHRISTINA HARRINGTON

Y-Teens 1, 2, 4; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; French Club 4; Chorus 1; Choir 2, 3, 4; Junior Prom Com. 3.

"Chris"



JAMES HASSELSWERTH

Audio Visual Club 3, 4; Chorus 1; Choir 2.

"Jim"

ELLEN HENNEY

GAA 1, 2, 4; FHA 1, 2.



ELLEN HERTEL

GAA 1, 2, 3, 4, Vice President 3, President 4; Latin Club 3, 4; Chorus 1, 2; Choir 3, 4; Girls' State 3; Scarlet Quill 4; DAR Contestant 4.

MARTHA JANE HINKLEDINE

Chorus 2.



MICHAEL HIPSEY

Chorus 1; Junior Rotarian 4.

"Mike"

DELORES HOFMANN

Y-Teens 1, 2, 3, 4, Cabinet 3; FTA 1, 2; Latin Club 2, 3; Chorus 1, 2; Choir 3, 4; Junior Prom Com. 3; Scarlet Quill, Advertising Manager 4.

Club Meetings, and Social Activities

ROGER HOLBROOK

Hi-Y 3, 4; V-Club 3, 4; Football 1; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Baseball 2, 3, 4; Junior Prom Com. 3; Intramurals 4.

"Swede"

LINDA HOOK

Chorus 1, 2, 3.



JULIA JANE HOOKER

Y-Teens 1, 2, 3, 4; GAA 1; FHA 1, 2, 4; Chorus 1; Junior Prom Com. 3.

"Julie"

CHERYL HOUG

Y-Teens 1, 2, 3, 4, Secretary 2, Treasurer 3; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; FTA 3, 4; V-Club 3, 4; Latin Club 2, 3; Chorus 1; Choir 2, 3, 4; Class Treasurer 2, 3; Reserve Cheerleader 1, 2; Varsity 3, 4; Junior Prom Com. 3; Junior Ring Com. 3; Sr. Invitation Com. 4; Excalibur 4.





BRUCE HOVERMAN

Hi-Y 1, 2, 3, 4, Chaplain 4; Latin Club 2; Chorus 1; Choir 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 4; Junior Rotarian 4; Scholarship Team 2, 3, 4; Intramurals 4.

MARY LOU HOVERMAN

"Louie"

Y-Teens 1, 2; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; Latin Club 2; Play Crew 4; National Honor Society 4; Scholarship Team 2; Junior Prom Com. 3; Excalibur, Business Manager 4.



ROBERT EUGENE HUNZIKER, JR.

"Hunch"

Hi-Y 2, 3, 4; V-Club 2, 3, 4; Science Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Latin Club 2; YM Junior Board 1; Basketball 1, 2; Baseball 1, 2; Intramurals 4.

JOYCE JOAN HUZZAR

Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; Latin Club 2, 3; Chorus 1; Choir 2, 3, 4; Play Crew 4; Scarlet Quill 4.

Our Extracurricular Life Promotes

DAVID HYRE

"Dave"

Hi-Y 1, 2, 3, 4; Latin Club 2, 3; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Dance Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1; Play Crew 3; YM Junior Board 2; Scholarship Team 1; Football 1; Basketball 1; Track 2, 3, 4; Junior Prom Com. 3; Excalibur, Sports Editor 4; Scarlet Quill 4; Intramurals 4.

JOHN WILLIAM INGMAN

"Pie"

Hi-Y 1, 2, 3, 4, Vice President 2; Basketball 1, 2; Junior Prom Com. 3; Intramurals 4.

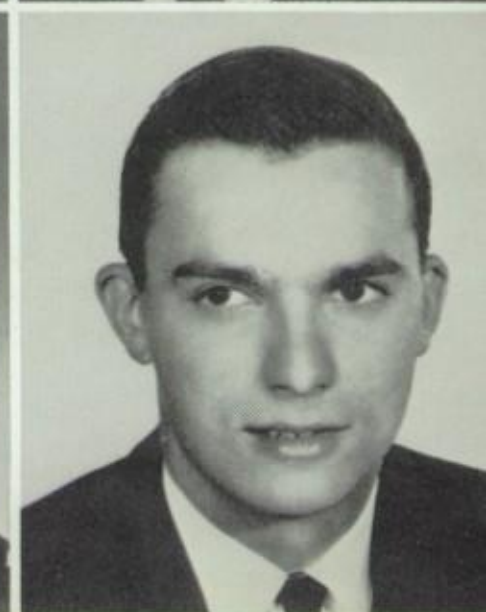
JERRY JACKSON

"Mush"

Hi-Y 1, 2; Band 1, 2; Track 2.

TERRY JOHNS

Hi-Y 1, 2; Track 1, 2; Junior Prom Com. 3; Intramurals 4.



BILL JOHNSON

"Johanson"

Latin Club 2, 3; Basketball 1; Intramurals 1, 2, 3.

TOM KELTNER

"Kelt"

Hi-Y 1, 2, Treasurer 2; V-Club 3, 4; Latin Club 2, 3, Quaestor 2; National Honor Society 4; Junior Rotarian 4; Scholarship Team 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3; Golf 4; Junior Prom Com. 3; Sr. Invitation Com. 4; Scarlet Quill, Business Manager 4.

KAROL KERNS

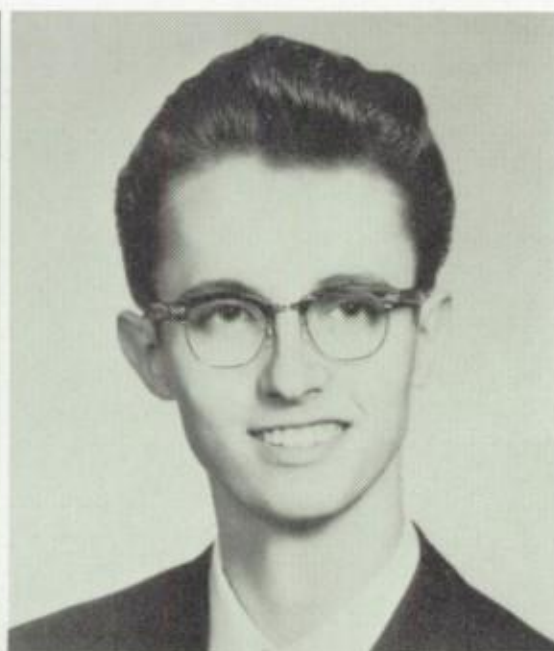
GAA 2, 3, 4; Latin Club 2, 3; Chorus 1, 2; Play Crew 3; Scarlet Quill 4.

KAREN KING

Y-Teens 1, 2, 3, 4, Secretary 4; GAA 1, 2; FTA 1, 2, 3, 4; Latin Club 2, 3; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1; Choir 2, 3, 4; Girls' State 3; Junior Prom Com. 3; Excalibur Staff 4.



Responsibility, Leadership, Companionship



NANCY KREISCHER

GAA 2, 3; Latin Club 2, 3; Chorus 1; French Club 4.

RUSSELL KRICK

"Russ"



DAVID KYLE

"Dave"

Hi-Y 1, 2; DCT 4; Band 1; Basketball 1; Junior Prom Com. 3; Junior Ring Com. 3.

ALICE LAKE

"Big Al"

Y-Teens 2, 3; FHA 1, 2, 3, 4, Cabinet 3, 4; Chorus 1, 2.

STEVE LEITER

Hi-Y 1, 2, 3, Secretary 2; Latin Club 2; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Junior Ring Com. 3; Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4.

"Gimpie"

RONALD LEY

Hi-Y 2, 3, 4, V-Club 4; Latin Club 2; Dance Band 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 3; Intramurals 1, 2.

"Clunker"

MICHEAL LOUTH**LYNN LOYER**

Y-Teens 1, 2, 3, 4, Cabinet 1, 4; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; FTA 4; Latin Club 2, 3, 4, Aedile; Band 1; Chorus 1; Choir 2, 3, 4; School Play 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Scholarship Team 1, 2, 3, 4; Jr. Prom Com. 3; Scarlet Quill, Ass't. Editor 4; National Thespians 4.

"Dude"



Our Dreams and Goals Have Been Molded

**LARRY LYNCH**

Hi-Y 2, 3, 4; V-Club 3, 4; Play Crew 4; Football 1, 2, 3; Baseball 2; Junior Prom Com. 3; Scarlet Quill 4; Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4.

MARILYN McCACHRAN

Y-Teens 1, 2, 3, 4, Vice Pres. 2; FTA 1, 2, 3, 4, Vice Pres. 4; Latin Club 2, 3, 4, Tribune 2; Chorus 1; Choir 2, 3, 4; Girls' State 3; National Honor Society 3, 4; Scholarship Team 1, 2, 3, 4; Jr. Prom Com. 3; Scarlet Quill 4.

**JILL McCOLLUM**

Class Vice President 1, 2; Y-Teens 1, 2, 3, 4; GAA 1, 2; FNA 2; V-Club 3, 4; Student Council 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1; Choir 2, 3, 4; Play Crew 2, 4; National Honor Society 4; Reserve Cheerleader 1; Varsity 2, 3, 4; Excalibur 4; Homecoming Attendant 1, 2, 3.

LYNDA McCOLLUM

Y-Teens 1, 2, 3; GAA 1, 2, 3; Latin Club 2.



STEVE McMILLEN
DCT 3, 4.

"Mac"



SUE McMILLEN
Y-Teens 1, 2, 3; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1, 2.

"Mac"



JOHN MARSHALL
Hi-Y 1, 2; DCT 3, 4.

"Torch"



ROBERT MARVIN
V-Club 3, 4; Latin Club 2, 3; Play Crew 3; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 2, 3, 4; Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4.

"Marv"

by Our Parents, Teachers, Classmates

LARRY MENDERINK
Class President 4; V-Club 2, 3, 4, Sec-Treas. 4; Student Council 1, 4; Junior Rotarian 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1; Snowball King Candidate 4; Jr. Prom Com. 3; Sr. Invitation Com. 4; Intramurals 4.

"Moe"

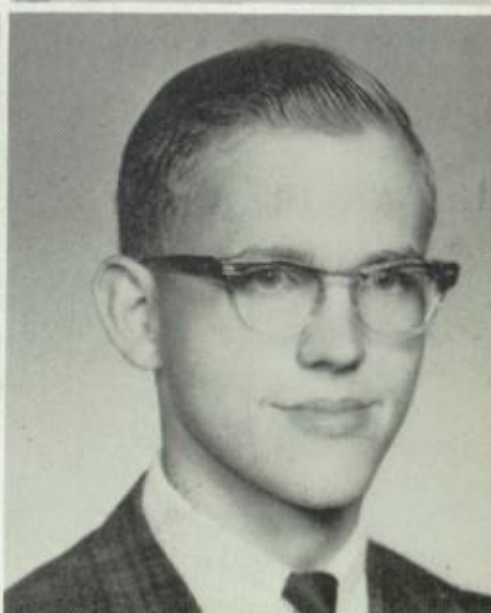
MILDRED SUSAN MERKLE
Y-Teens 1, 2, 3; GAA 2, 3, 4; FTA 2, 3; Latin Club 2, 3; Chorus 1.

"Millie"



LINDA MICHAEL
Y-Teens 1, 2, 3; FHA 1, 2, 3, 4, Secretary 2; Science Club 2.

LARRY MILLER
Hi-Y 2.



MARY ANN MILLER

Y-Teens 1, 2, 3; GAA 1, 2, 3; Band 1, 2, 3, 4, Vice President 4; Majorette 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1; Choir 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 4; Scholarship Team 2; Excalibur, Ass't. Photographer 4.

JAMES MOSIER

DCT 3, 4.

"Jim"



GLORIA MOSURE

Y-Teens 1, 2, 3; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1; Junior Prom Com. 3.

"George"

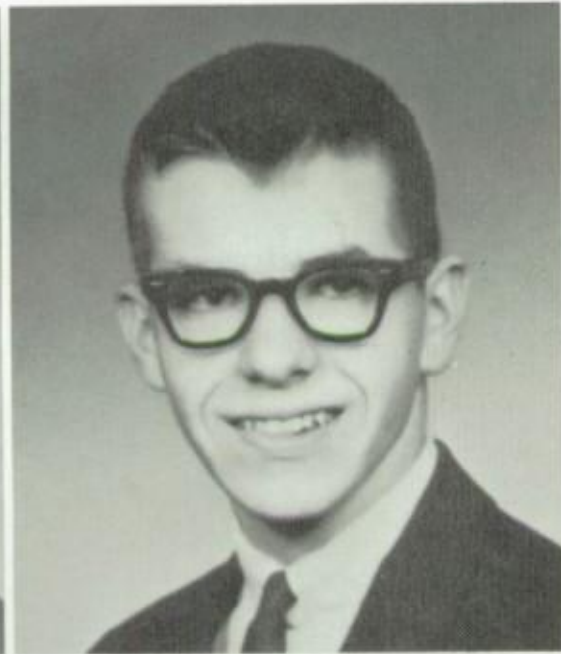
JAMES ARTHUR MYERS

Latin Club 2, 3; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Scholarship Team 4.

"Jim"



Future Friendships and Acquaintances



SHARON YVONNE OECHSLE

Y-Teens 1; FHA 2; Chorus 1, 2.

"Shari"

BRUCE PHENEGER

Hi-Y 1, 2, 3, 4; FTA 2, 3, 4; Science Club 2, 3, 4, Secretary 4; Chorus 1; Choir 2, 3, 4; Play Crew 4; Junior Rotarian 4; Jr. Prom Com. 3; Track 2.

"Bobo"



DALE POLING

Hi-Y 1; FTA 3, 4, Secretary 4; Science Club 2; Latin Club 2, 3; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1; Choir 3, 4; Play Crew 4; Boys' State 3; Junior Rotarian 4; Scholarship Team 2.

SUSAN JANE POLING

Class Vice President 3; Class Secretary 1; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; FTA 1, 2, 3, 4; Latin Club 2; Chorus 1; Choir 2, 3, 4; Girls Trio 2, 3, 4; School Play 1, 2, 3; Jr. Prom Com. 3; Jr. Ring Com. 3; Excalibur, Art Editor 4; National Thespians 1, 2, 3, 4; National Forensic League 1, 2, 3, 4.

"Suzi"



JERRY POLLOCK

Hi-Y 1, 2, 3; V-Club 2, 3, 4; Latin Club 2, 3; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4.

ANDREW POOLE

"O'Toole"

Science Club 2, 3, 4, Secretary 3; Latin Club 2, 3; Play Crew 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; National Merit Finalist 4; Junior Rotarian 4; Scholarship Team 1, 2, 3, 4; Junior Prom Com. 3; Scarlet Quill, Advertising Manager 4.



SHARON PRICE

"Shorts"

Y-Teens 1, 2, 3; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; Latin Club 2, 3.

SUE PRITCHARD

Y-Teens 1, 2, 3, 4; Latin Club 2; Band 1, 2; Chorus 1; Junior Prom Com. 3.

Will Influence Our Success or Failure

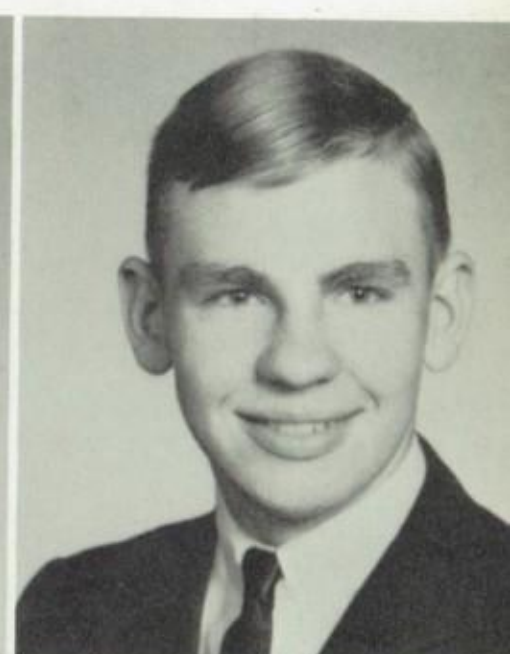
JOYCE PURMORT

Y-Teens 1, 2, 3, 4; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; FNA 3, 4, President 4; Latin Club 2, 3; French Club 4; Chorus 1; Choir 2, 3, 4; School Play 2, 3, 4; Girls' State 3; Reserve Cheerleader 1; Scarlet Quill 4; Masque and Gavel 1; National Thespians 1, 2, 3, 4; National Forensic League 1, 2, 3, 4.

JOHN RIDENOUR

"Foamer"

Hi-Y 1, 4; Latin Club 2; Band 1, 2, 3; Chorus 1; Choir 2, 3, 4; Play Crew 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3; Baseball 2, 3; Junior Prom Com. 3.



JERRY ROBERTS

GRETCHEN ROEBKE

"Gretch"

Y-Teens 1, 2, 3, 4, Pianist 1, 2, 3, 4; FTA 1, 2, 3, 4, Secretary 3, President 4; Latin Club 2, 3; Band 1; Chorus 1; Choir 2, 3, 4; Girls Trio 2, 3, 4; School Play, Student Director 3, 4; Girls' State; Scholarship Team 3; Junior Prom Com. 3; Scarlet Quill, Editor-in-Chief 4; National Thespians 3, 4; National Forensic League 3, 4.





STEVE ROGERS

Student Council 4; Chorus 1; Intramurals 3, 4.

TERRY ROGERS

DCT, Reporter 4.

"Jake"



REBECCA ROGGENKEMPER

Y-Teens 1, 2, 3, 4; GAA 1, 2, 3; Latin Club 2, 3; Chorus 1; School Play 4; Junior Prom Com. 3; Excalibur, Ass't. Photography Editor 4; Scarlet Quill Staff 4; National Thespians 4.

"Becky"

ELAINE ROHR

Y-Teens 3, 4; GAA 1, 2, 3; FTA 1, 2; FNA 3, 4; Latin Club 2, 3; Chorus 1; Play Crew 4.

We Have Left Behind Our Roller Skates,

J. B. SAMPSELL

FTA 1, 2, 3, 4; Science Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Latin Club 1, 2, 3; Chorus 1; Choir 2, 3, 4; School Play 3, 4; French Club 3, 4, President 4; Nat. Honor Society 3, 4; Jr. Rotarian 4; Scholarship Team 1, 2, 3, 4; Jr. Prom Com. 3; Scarlet Quill 4; Debate Team 1, 2, 3, 4; Masque and Gavel 1; Nat. Thespians 3, 4; National Forensic 1, 2, 3, 4.

DOLORES L. SCERBA

Y-Teens 1, 2, 3, 4; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; FTA 1, 2, 3, 4; Latin Club 2, 3; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 4; Scholarship Team 3, 4; Jr. Prom Com. 3; Excalibur, Organizations Ed. 4; Scarlet Quill 4.

"Dolly"



DANNY SCHAFFNER

Hi-Y 1, 2; V-Club 3, 4; Latin Club 2, 3; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Intramurals 1, 2.

BEVERLY SCHNEPP

GAA 2.

"Bev"



THOMAS R. SCHULTZ

"Tom"

Science Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Latin Club 2, 3; Play Crew 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Jr. Rotarian 4; Scholarship Team 1, 2; Jr. Prom Com. 3; Excalibur, Ass't. Business Manager 4; Scarlet Quill, Circulation Manager 4; UN Delegate 3.

SCHARYL SCHWARTZ

Y-Teens 1, 2, 3, 4, Pres. 2; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; V-Club 3, 4; Latin Club 2, 3, Consul 2; Student Council 2, 4, Secretary 2; Band 1, 2; Chorus 1; Class Secretary 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Reserve Cheerleader 2; Varsity 3, 4; Jr. Prom Com. 3; Jr. Ring Com. 3; Snowball Queen Candidate 4; French Club 4; Excalibur Staff 4; Homecoming Queen 4; Masque and Gavel 1.

DONNA SEALSCOTT

Y-Teens 1, 2, 3, 4; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; FHA 1; Chorus 1, 2; Choir 3, 4.

RONALD E. SHELL

"Ron"

Science Club 1, 2, 3, Treasurer 3; Latin Club 2; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Drum Major 3, 4; Chorus 1; Choir 2, 3; Junior Rotarian 4.



Dolls, Story Books, Make-Believe World



RICHARD SHOBE
DCT 4; Football 1.

"Dick"

BARBARA SHOWALTER
GAA 1; FHA 1, 2, 3; DCT 3, 4; Chorus 1; Choir 3, 4.

"Barbie"



JILL SHOWALTER
GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; Latin Club 2, 3; Chorus 1; Play Crew 2; French Club 4; Scholarship Team 2.

KAY RUTH SLUTERBECK

"Horsey"

MICHAEL SMITH
Hi-Y 1, 2; Latin Club 2; Football 1, 2; Intramurals 3, 4.

"Mike"

WILLIAM SMITH
Hi-Y 2, 3, 4, Treasurer 4; Latin Club 2; Junior Rotarian 4; Track 2; Junior Prom Com. 3.

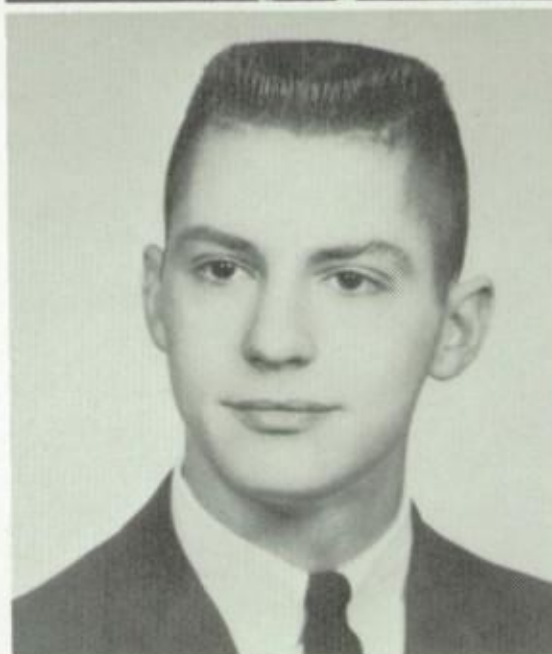
"Bill"

GAYNORD SNYDER
Hi-Y 1; DCT 3, 4.

"Si"

RICHARD STEVENS
Hi-Y 1, 2; Chorus 1; Intramurals 4.

"Dick"



With Our Teenage Years Come Record



NANCY STORIE
FHA 1; Junior Prom Com. 3.

SUSAN TAYLOR
Y-Teens 1, 2, 3, 4, President 4; GAA 1; FTA 3; Latin Club 2, 3; Chorus 1; Choir 2, 3, 4; Girls Trio 2, 3, 4; School Play 2; Play Crew 3, 4; National Honor Society 4; Scholarship Team 1, 2, 3, 4; Jr. Prom Com. 3; Excalibur 4; Masque and Gavel 1; Nat. Thespians 2, 3, 4; Nat. Forensic 1, 2, 3, 4.

"Suzy"



LINDA THATCHER
GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; Latin Club 2, 3; Band 1; National Honor Society 4.

BETH THOMAS
GAA 1, 2, 3; FTA 1, 2, 3; FNA 1, 2, 3, 4, Secretary-Treasurer 3; Latin Club 2; Junior Prom Com. 3; Sr. Invitation Com. 4.



ELAINE THOMAS

GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; Latin Club 2, 3; Chorus 1, 2; School Play 1, 2; Play Crew 3, 4; National Thespians 1, 2, 3, 4.

JOHN W. TINDALL

Hi-Y 2; V-Club 2, 3, 4, President 4; Latin Club 2, 3; Chorus 1; Choir 3, 4, President 4; YM Junior Board 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Flower and Color Com. 4; Scarlet Quill, Sports Editor 4; Intramurals 2, 3, 4.



CHERYL UNDERWOOD

Y-Teens 1, 2; GAA 1, 2, 3; French Club 4; Latin Club 2, 3; Chorus 1; Choir 2, 3; National Honor Society 4; Scholarship Team 2, 4; Junior Prom Com. 3; Scarlet Quill Staff 4.

ROBERT VAN AUSDALL

Hi-Y 3, 4, Vice President 4; Student Council 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Junior Rotarian 4; Scholarship Team 3; Excalibur, Photography Editor 4.

"Rebel"

Hops, Slumber Parties, and Dating

PENNY WADE
FHA 1, 2; Band 1.

RONALD WAGONROD
Intramurals 2, 3, 4.

"Ron"



TOM WALDRON
Class President 1; Hi-Y 1, 2; V-Club 3, 4; Student Council 1; Football 2, 3; Basketball 1; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4.

"T.J."

ROGER WALKER
Latin Club 2; Junior Rotarian 4; Scholarship Team 2, 3, 4; Excalibur, Photographer 4; Scarlet Quill, Photographer 4.

"Rog"





SHARON WEBSTER "Red"
Y-Teens 1, 2, 3, 4; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; FHA 1; Chorus 1.

SHARON WHEELER
FTA 2, 3; Latin Club 2, 3; Chorus 1; Choir 2, 3, 4; Junior Prom Committee 3.



ARTHUR WILLIAMS "Hondo"
Hi-Y 1, 2; V-Club 3, 4; Band 1, 2; Chorus 1; Choir 2, 3, 4; YM Junior Board; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 4; Baseball 2; Track 3; Junior Prom Com. 3; Intramurals 2, 3.

DANNY WILLIAMS "Rabbit"
DCT 4; Football 1, 2, 3; Intramurals 1, 2, 3.

This Is the Wonderful World of Seniors

JAMES WILSON "Jim"
Hi-Y 1, 2; DCT 4; Latin Club 2; Chorus 1, 2; Baseball 1, 2; Junior Prom Com. 3.

CONNIE WINTERS
Y-Teens 2, 3; GAA 2, 3, 4; FTA 1; Student Council 2, 3, Secretary 3; Chorus 1; Choir 2, 3, 4; School Play 3, Crew 4; Class Secretary 2; Reserve Cheerleader 1; Jr. Prom Com. 3; National Thespians 2; United Fund Queen 4.

JANIS RICHEY WYANDT
Y-Teens 1, 2, 3, 4, Treasurer 2, Vice President 3; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; FTA 1, 2, 3, 4; Latin Club 2, 3, Praetor 2; Student Council 1; Chorus 1; Choir 2, 3, 4; School Play 3; National Honor Society 3, 4; Scholarship Team 1, 2, 3; Junior Prom Com. 3; Excalibur, Ass't Editor 4; National Thespians 3.

MICHAEL EUGENE YOUNG "Speed"
Hi-Y 1, 2, 3, 4; V-Club 2, 3, 4; Latin Club 2; Basketball 1, 2; Baseball 1, 2; Junior Prom Com. 3.



Cougar boosters, Steve Leiter and Dan Gribler decorate the football field for the Homecoming game.



Hopeful senior, Terry Johns, is measured for his cap and gown.



Senior candy sale captains: Charles Gehres, Bruce Pheneger, Bill Bolinger, Gary Crosby, John Ingman, and Jim Drake.



The "Beatles" promote Excalibur sales: Jim Drake, Dick Frysinger, Tom Keltner, Bruce Hoverman.



MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED
Marilyn McCachran and J. B. Sampsell



MOST ATHLETIC
Jill McCollum and Art Williams

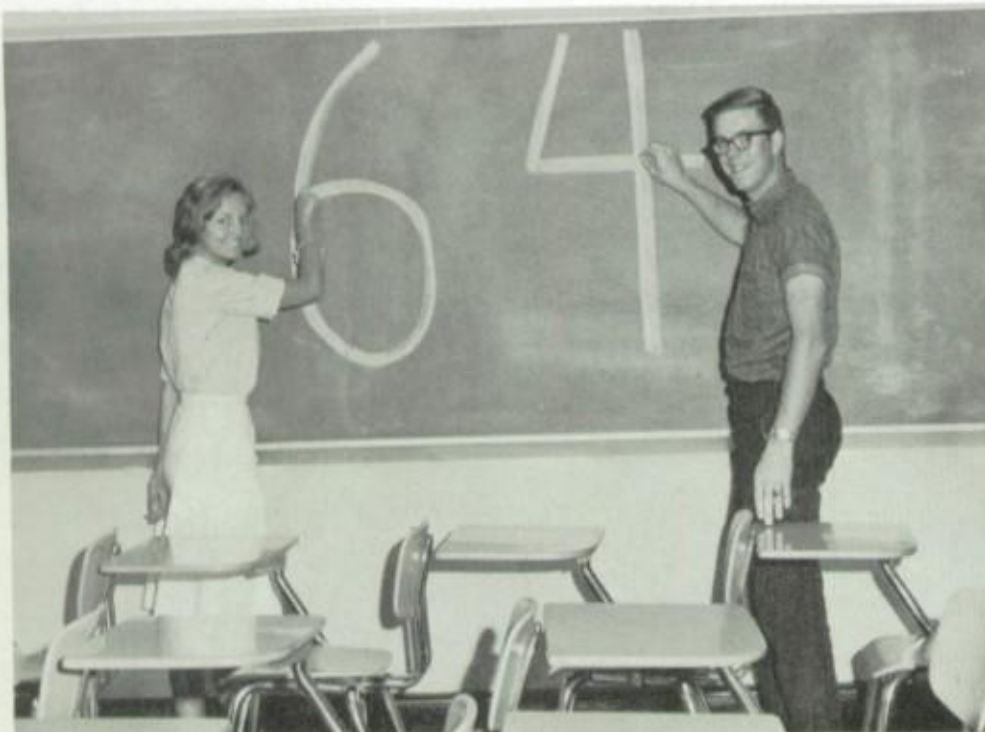


MOST CONGENIAL
Gretchen Roebke and Jim Drake



DONE MOST FOR CLASS
Gig Davis and Mary Lou Hoverman

Senior



MOST TYPICAL
Cheryl Houg and Tom Keltner



BEST LOOKING
John Ingman and Rebecca Roggenkemper



BEST FIGURE AND PHYSIQUE
Tom Waldron and Jane Hall



MOST STUDIOUS
Marsha Bate and Ed Gardner

Survey



BEST DRESSED
Karen Elston and Dick Frysinger



BEST DANCERS
Lynn Loyer and Steve Rogers



BEST PERSONALITY
Sharyl Schwartz and Larry Mengerink



BEST SENSE OF HUMOR
Robert VanAusdall and Barbara Dasher



Senior Citizen of the Year
Gary "Gig" Davis



Excalibur Dedication
Mr. Otis Coon



Black, Inc. Award
Marsha Bate



Girls' State Delegates—Marsha Bate, Karen King, Ellen Hertel, Gretchen Roebke, Marilyn McCachran, Joyce Purmort.

Assembly



**United Nations Delegate Award by the
Oddfellows Lodge
Tom Schultz**



**Miss United Fund
Connie Winters**



**Boys' State Delegates
Phil Fell, Gig Davis, Dale Poling.**

OTHER AWARDS

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| American Legion Awards | Carol Feasby
Roger Walker |
| DAR Good Citizen | Ellen Hertel |
| Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow ... | Janis Wyandt |
| Outstanding GAA Senior Girl ... | Ellen Hertel |
| AAUW Teaching Scholarship | Marsha Bate |
| National Merit Scholars | Andrew Poole
J. B. Sampsell |
| Registered Nurses Association Scholarship .. | Jill McCollum |
| Six-Thirty Club Awards | |
| Nursing Scholarship | Beth Thomas |
| Teaching Scholarship . | Marilyn McCachran |



President, Gary Poling; **secretary**, Sharon Mefferd; **treasurer**, Bobbie Cotterman; **vice-president**, Jackie Roberts; **advisor**, Mr. Hughes.

JUNIORS

Upperclassmen at last, one hundred and ninety-five of us proudly formed the junior class. To come, this was just one more step towards graduation, but to most, it was anticipated as our most exciting and most rewarding year.

Foremost in the mind of every junior is Prom. To make money for this long-awaited occasion, we sponsored a huge candy sale, a movie, coat checks at basketball games and dances, and bake sales. We also sold cakes at half-time, and candy and ice cream after school. We realize now that the preparation is as much fun as the Prom itself.

Proudly each junior received his class ring, which featured a specially designed crest, mounted on a blue, red, gold, or black onyx setting.

Many of our fellows now played varsity sports. Barbara Roggenkemper and Nanette Pflum were chosen as reserve cheerleaders, and Julie Droll was elected to the varsity squad. Barb was also chosen as attendant to the Basketball Queen. We elected Sharon Mefferd as our Homecoming Attendant.

We happily added our voices to the Concert Choir and played in the band. Shirley Burley, Beth Wilkin, and Debbie Dull represented the Class of 65 as majorettes. Elected to the Student Council were Gary Poling, Stan Kephart, Stuart White, Karen Laemmle, Barbara Roggenkemper, and Julie Droll.

Our junior year has been so much fun; "jolly juniors" we truly are!

Sharon Mefferd, secretary



Robert Albright
Nancy Anderson
Donald Baer
Judith Baker
Mike Baltzell
Sharon Beyer

Don Blackmore
Rebecca Blaine
Rolland Blanke
Darla Bowersock
Harold Boyd
Jane Branfield

Judy Brewer
Dan Brown
Dee Burk
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Sandra Burley

Shirley Burley
Bruce Butler
Beverly Camp
Nancy Carter
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Linda Clay

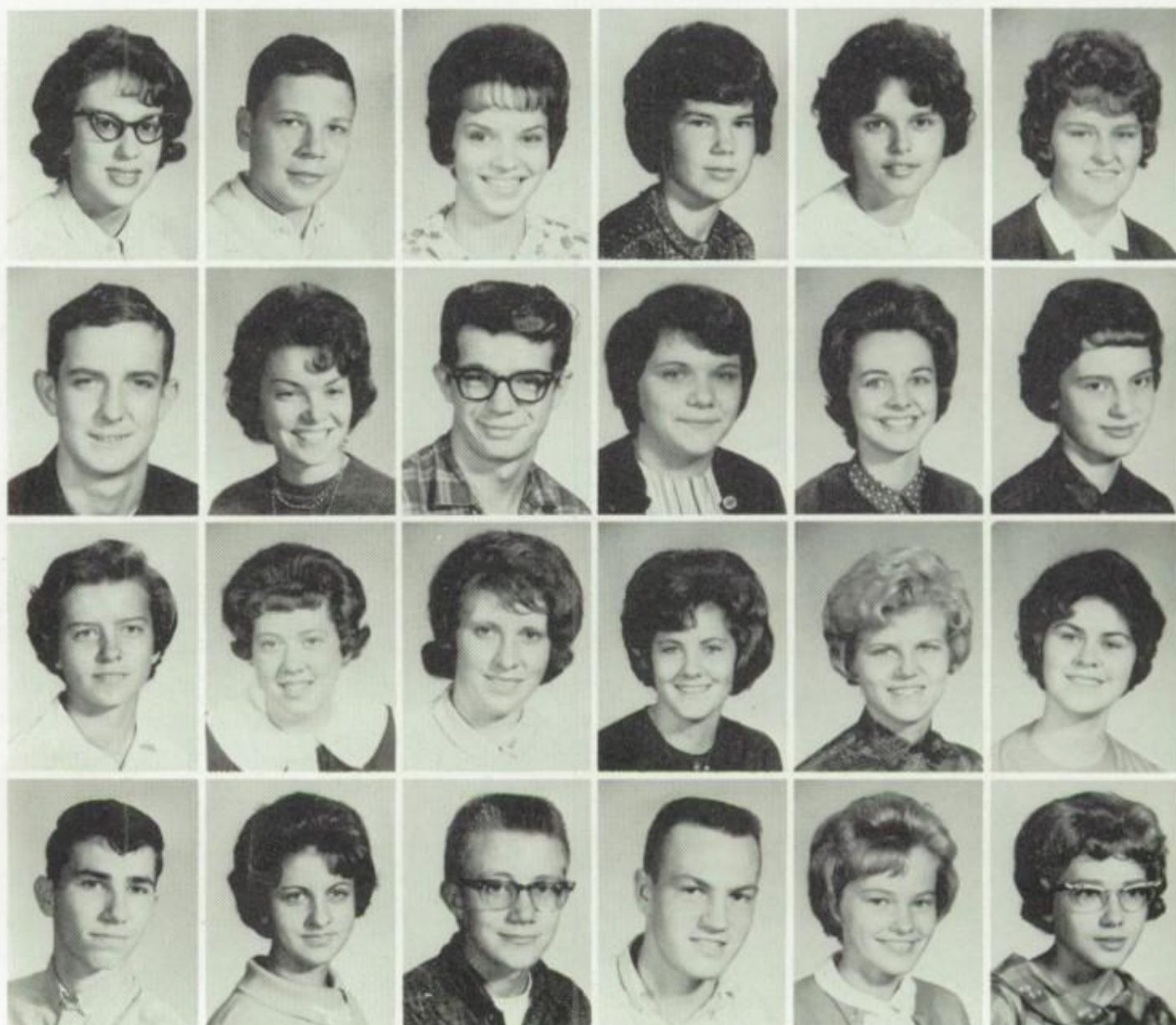
Are a Proud and Happy Lot

Carole Clouse
Tom Compton
Lynnette Conn
Dede Connors
Bobbie Cotterman
Carol Craig

Gary Crosley
DyAnn Davis
Gary Lewis Davis
Joyce Detwiler
Heather Dirham
Nancy Donnel

Sharon Dougal
Dorothy Douglas
Marilyn Drake
Julie Droll
Deborah Dull
Donna Dull

Douglas Dunno
Bonnie Dyke
Earl Ebel
Charles Eberle
Pat Edsall
Linda Eversole





"I have 11¢. Do I hear 12?"

What Do They Think About?

Connie Featheroff
Vaughn Ferrell
James Finkhousen
Joyce Firestone
Sandra Foote
Terry Foreman



David Gamble
John Games
Randy Gardner
Nancy Gelp
Karen Girod
Diana Glass



Nancy Good
Richard Grandstaff
Ann Hablitzel
Sandra Haines
Rosemary Hammond
Greg Harden



Carol Harmon
Susan Harrington
Stan Hartman
Roy Harvey
James Hasselswerth
Bill Hawk



Patricia Heare
Leslie Heckman
Penny Height
Dennis Henkle
Charles Herring
Scottie Hirschy



William Hoersten
Carol Holbrook
David Horine
Cheryl Hufford
Josephine Hurley
James Johnson



Carl Johns
Barbara Johnson
Linda Jones
Marcia Jones
Michael Jones
Rachel Jones



Stanley Kephart
Jeffery Kinkle
Robert Klausung
Kerry Klutka
Linda Knittle
Sharon Kreischer



Prom, Class Rings, Prom, Chemistry, Prom



Karen Laemmle
John Lape
Larry Laudick
Larry Lee
Cheryl Lehman
Jill Leiter



Mike Leiter
Judy Lianez
Dennis Long
Clifford Longworth
Linda McClellen
Linda McNeal



Mary McVay
Janice Mason
Rick Matthews
Patricia May
Sharon Mefferd
Richard Mercer



Linda Metzger
Carolyn Miller
Harold Miller
Robert Miller
Tim Miller
Dianne Moysey

Carolyn Myers
Dave Myers
Scott Niswonger
Richard Orr
Connie Oswalt
Joan Paige



Janice Pate
Nanette Pflum
Ronald Phillips
Gary Poling
Dennis Pollock
Terry Pontius



Calvin Prichard
Sandra Prichard
Ellen Pugh
Linda Ralston
Robert Reidenbach
Peggy Rice



Elaine Rinard
Darlene Ringwald
Jackie Roberts
John Roberts
Barbara Roggenkemper
Kim Runnion



They Think This Was Their Happiest Year



Barbara Russell
Mary Saam
Jerry Saylor
Frances Sheehan
Sara Sherman
Bruce Smith



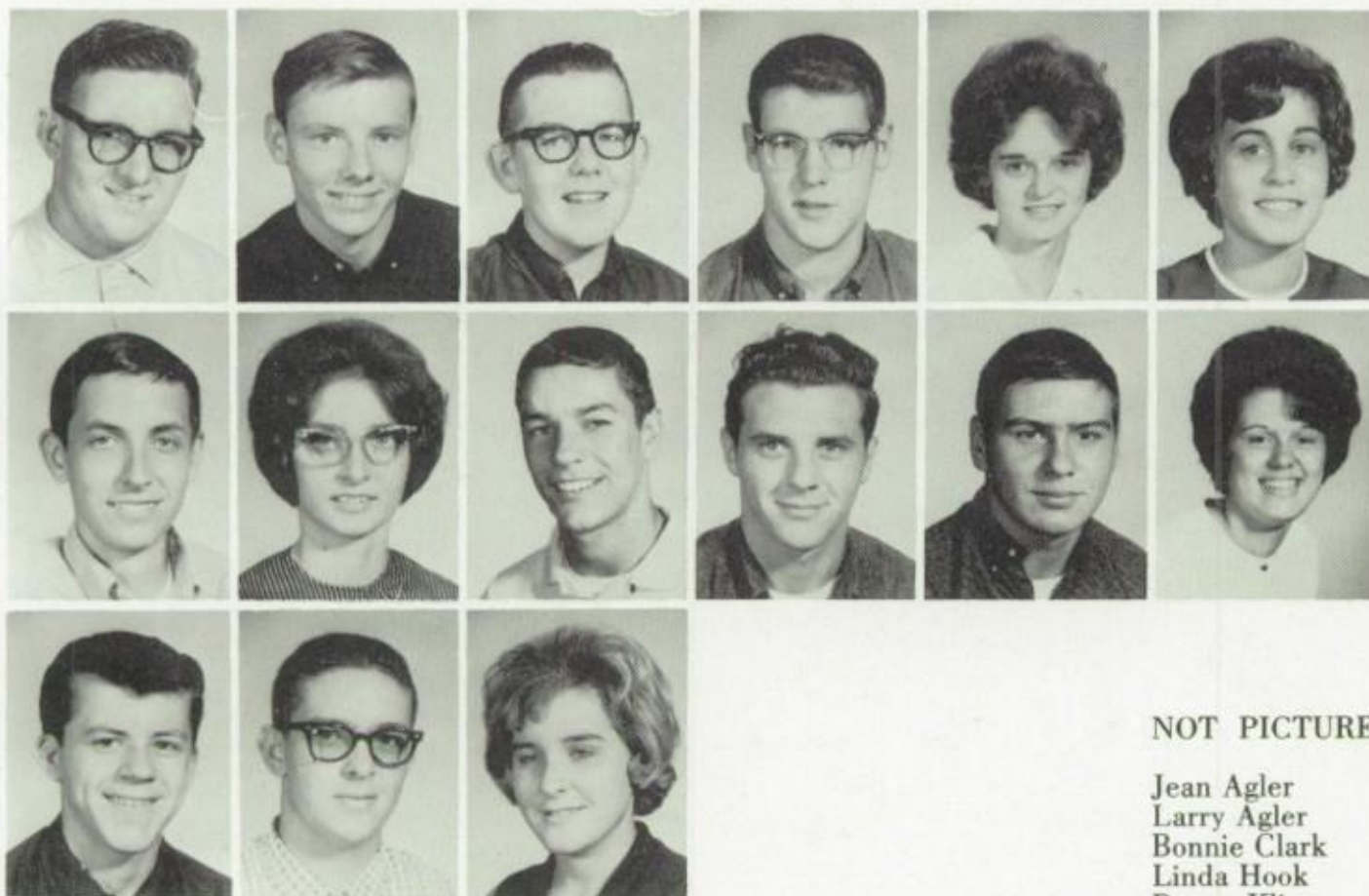
Tom Smith
Mickey Speakman
Linda Spoon
Randall Springer
Tony Steinmetz
Judy Stewart



Shirley Stover
Sharon Stump
Karen Teeple
Gary Thatcher
Larry Thatcher
Tom Tindall



Nancy Truax
David Turner
Sharon VanFleet
Louise Wagonrod
Marilyn Weeder
Clora Wehage



Gary Werts
Steve Whitcraft
Steve White
Stuart White
Karen Wilhelm
Beth Wilkin

Curtis Wilkinson
Sandra Williman
Carl Wise
Richard Wolford
Jerry Wolverton
Marilyn Wolverton

NOT PICTURED

Marvin Woodruff
Larry Zielke
Pamela Kanney

Jean Agler
Larry Agler
Bonnie Clark
Linda Hook
Donna Kline
James Miller
Gary Purkeypile
Claudia Reed
Layton Thomas
Dan Williams
Fred Wolford

but the Best Is yet to Come



Even seniors patronize the junior's concession stand.



President, Kim Davis; advisor, Mr. Bricker; secretary, Harriet Schaadt; vice-president, Cheryl Agler; treasurer, John Kerns.

SOPHOMORES

Coming back as sophomores, and feeling more at ease, all two hundred and ten of us eagerly plunged into school activities. Many were chosen to sing in the Concert Choir. Marsha Ries and Connie Klausing led our marching band as majorettes; Chuck Steele, Cheryl Agler, Dave Price, Kim Davis, Don Poling, and Nikki Elliott served on the Student Council. Debbie Conley was our Homecoming Attendant.

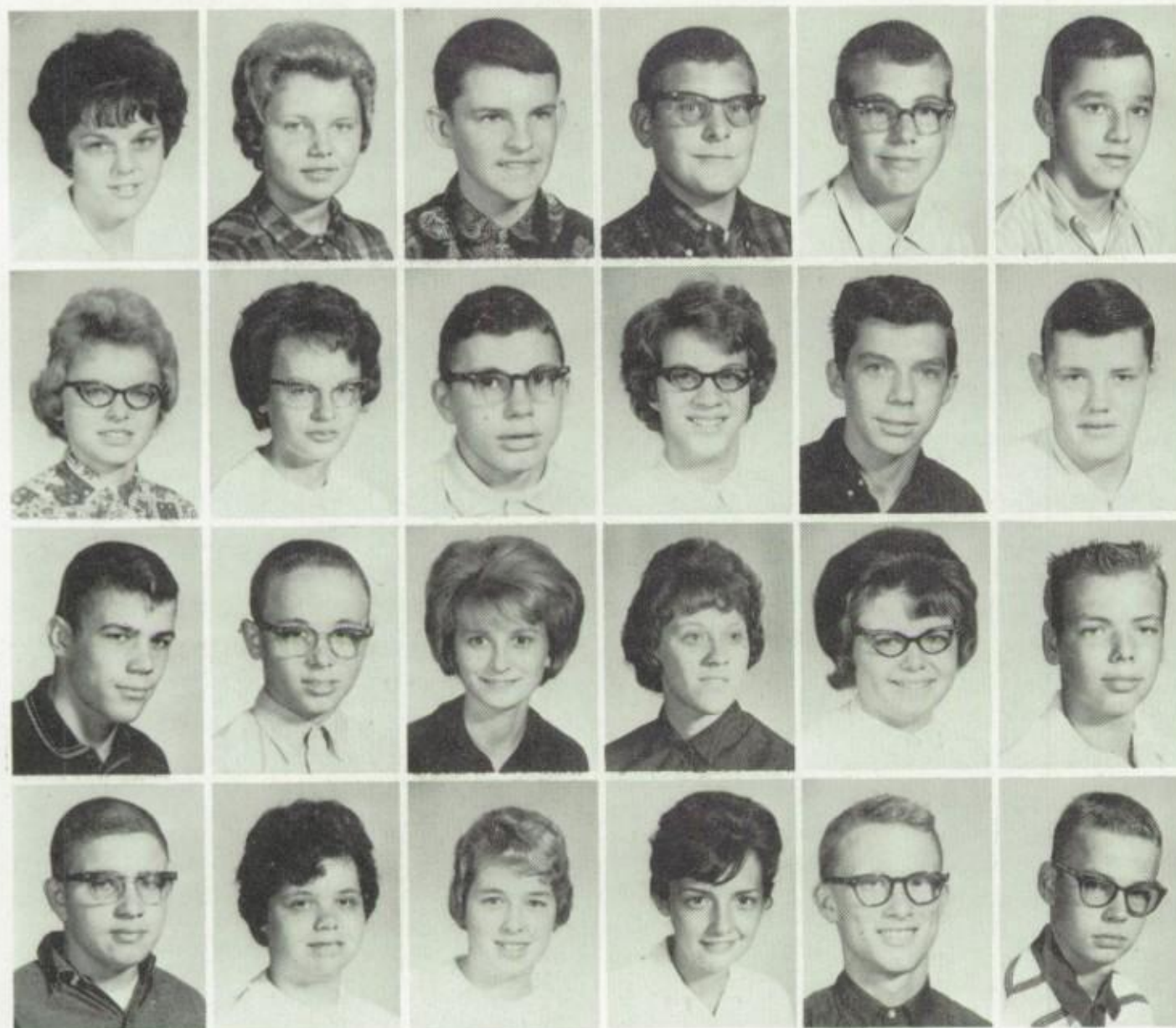
Sports took on a new importance for us since twelve of our boys composed the entire reserve basketball team. Several played varsity football, baseball, and track. Kathy Wilhelm was chosen for the reserve cheerleading squad, and Kathy Kaduk was elected to the varsity squad.

Breaking tradition, we ordered our class rings in the fall and anxiously awaited their delivery in the spring.

We began to make preparations for the Latin Banquet, where, under the guidance of Mrs. White, we became Romans for an evening.

In May, as we tore down Prom decorations, we remembered happily our second year in high school, but with great anticipation we began to think of the remaining two years of our high school life, which was now half completed.

Harriet Schaadt, secretary



Barbara Agler
Cheryl Agler
William Albright
Adrian Allenbaugh
Delphos Allenbaugh
Don Anderson

Bonnie Baer
Barbara Baer
Tom Baer
Susan Baldwin
Kenneth Barnes
Philip Beck

Philip Benner
Griff Bilbro
Jackie Blake
Linda Boroff
Sandra Boyce
David Breese

Jerry Brewer
Barbara Brickner
Hazel Brown
Susan Buechner
Brian Burnes
Charles Burnett

Return Confident, Ready for Work and Fun

Steven Burnett
Janet Bushong
Connie Butler
James Casula
Sally Clay
Dianne Cline

Rebecca Closson
Duane Colter
Deborah Conley
Cherrie Coon
Ervin Cox
Brent Crone

Greg Cryer
Kim Davis
Richard Demint
Mary Dempsey
Beverly Dersham
Sharon Doner

Phillip Duncan
Kay Dunifon
Pamela Dunifon
Dan Dunlap
Larry Dunn
Pamela Dustman





Tom Dustman
Brenda Early
Herman Eddins
Nikki Elliott
Sandra Eschbach
John Faller

Linda Faszler
Anna Feasby
William Feigert
Michael Fisher
Dennis Fissel
Philip Fleming

Jeanne Franks
Richard Frederick
Richard Fry
Gary Frysinger
Larry Games
Stephen Gehres

Dave Gilbert
Wayne Gilbert
Rodney Goodman
Cynthia Green
Ida Hammond
Betty Hardman

Sophomore Highlights: Drivers' Licenses,

Linda Harrington
Barbara Harrison
David Himburg
Keith Hirn
Gary Hofmann
Tonnie Hoghe

Phyllis Holbrook
Barbara Hoverman
Gloria Hudson
Richard Hunziker
Lynn Jackson
Linda Jacobs

Jane Jones
Tony Jones
Nancy Joseph
Kathy Kaduk
Julius Karst
Charles Kennedy

Janet Kerns
John Kerns
Carol Killion
Steve Killion
David Kirchenbauer
Connie Klausing



Donna Klewer
Terry Kohler
Michael Kohorst
David Kreischer
Gary Kreischer
Yevonne Kriescher



Judith Lantz
Pamela LaRue
Jerry Leiter
James LeValley
Gloria Lippi
James Long



Larry Longwell
Marshall McCachran
Rex McDowell
Linda McGannon
Harry McKeddie
John McVay



David Martin
Molly Martin
Charles Mengerink
Gary Mercer
Richard Metzger
Albert Miller



Varsity Sports, Choir, and Latin Banquet



"Come on, Kittens!"



Stacked?! (the locker, that is)



Carol Miller
Kristine Miller
Philip Miller
Ronald Miller
Lyle Mitchener
Tom Mohr

Vicki Moyer
Bonnie Neiford
Jon Niblick
Sandra Nihiser
Jack Paige
John Parrish

Paul Parsons
Dennis Patterson
Ronald Pearson
Donald Poling
Ronald Poling
Jane Poole

Fred Prasser
David Price
Stephonie Price
Michael Pruden
Rebecca Putman
William Rager

Some Say the Sophomore Year Is a Letdown —

Anna Beth Reasoner
Kathy Reeder
Norma Replogle
James Price
Marsha Ries
Bonita Ringwald

Henry Roberts
Charles Rogers
Jovetta Rogers
Charles Routt
Michael Rowland
Teresa Runnion

Tim Ruskaup
Mary Sanderson
Betty Saylor
Harriet Schaadt
Colleen Schwartz
Sam Scott

Henry Sennebogen
Phyllis Shumaker
Nancy Siders
Linda Sidle
Francis Sinning
Deborah Smith



Helen Smith
James Smith
Charles Steele
Mark Steinmetz
John Sterrett
Dan Stetler



Shirley Storie
Dan Stover
Connie Stuckey
Donna Taylor
Linda Taylor
Garry Thatcher



Janet Thomas
Marilyn Tinker
Rebecca Tobias
Ronald Tolan
Larry Tomlinson
Greg Uncapher



Karen Vandersommen
Gary Wagonrod
Michael Waldron
Ray Waldron
Sharon Wermer
Jane West



We Know Better!



Kathy Wilhlem
Carol Wilkin
Steve Williamson
Penny Winters
Jack Woodruff
Patricia Wyandt



NOT PICTURED

Lounetta Agler
David Blaine
Eddie Holtsberry
Penny Pease
David Swygart
Paul Tobias
Kathy Warden
Madelyn King

Sharyn Zartman
Ben Zinsmeister



President, Danny Gunsett; **secretary**, Paula Thomas; **vice president**, Donna Cobb; **treasurer**, Kathy Davis; **advisor**, Mr. Kesler.

FRESHMEN

Two hundred and sixty-five strong, we entered Van Wert High School with the knowledge of its importance to our future, the willingness to work hard, respect for upperclassmen, and a great deal of pride in our class and school.

We began by learning our way around this beautiful but mammoth building. Slowly but surely we became acquainted with the daily routine, ten-minute bells, hall passes, and blue slips. We naturally forgot our assigned seats, forgot that no talking was allowed in study hall, and forgot to stand up on "Battle Cry."

Sports soon became a big part of our lives. Not only did we enthusiastically support the varsity teams, but we also backed our own football and basketball teams. Representing us on the reserve cheerleading squad were Kathy Drees, Susie Fry, and Cathy Foreman.

We elected Tina Baltzell as Homecoming Attendant and attendant to the Basketball Queen.

Representing us on the Student Council were Danny Gunsett, Jerry Walters, Lyda Morgan, Mike Ralston, and Donna Cobb.

Our freshman year has come to an end, but the wonderful experience of high school life has only begun.

Paula Thomas, secretary



Barry Agler
Karen Anspach
James August
Ann Ayres
Linda Baker
Tina Baltzell

Miriam Bashore
Walter Bate
Catherine Bates
Gary Baxter
Gloria Baxter
Phil Baxter

Shirley Beck
Kenneth Bell
Pam Blackmore
Ronald Blake
Cathy Blue
Larry Brake

Wayne Branfield
Linda Brooks
Don Brown
Kirby Brown
Emerson Burkheimer
Barbara Burnes

Are More Sophisticated, but Still Green

Nina Busch
Terry Bushong
Kathleen Cahoon
John Cain
Bill Carter
Karen Carter

Ted Carter
Colleen Cash
Cruz Chavarria
Joe Chavarria
Manuela Chavarria
Dan Chesbro

Glenna Clark
Judy Clark
Lynda Clifton
Donna Cobb
Robert Coleman
William Collins

Diane Comer
Barbara Conley
Ronald Conley
Brenda Coon
Les Coon
Michael Copper





Roger Cowgill
Judith Critchfield
William Crosley
Darlene Dangler
Mary Lou Dangler
James Darwood

Donna Dasher
Kathy Davis
Orin Deal
Beth De Camp
Dana De Camp
Merl Densel

Connie Dettrow
Doris Dettrow
Ronald Diddle
Richard Dirham
Larry Ditto
Linda Dixon

Paul Downing
Jerry Drake
Kathryn Drees
Brenda Dreshbach
Carol Duncan
Shirley Dunifon

Two Hundred and Sixty-Five Strong, the

Paul Dunn
Lyle Ebel
Richard Eccard
Nazola Eddins
Greg Edsall
Jane Elder

Vernon Ellis
Mary Beth Emery
Robin English
James Evans
Cheryll Eversole
Sharon Fackler

Alan Feasby
Rose Feasby
Mark Fisher
Mark Fleming
Marcia Fogt
Bruce Foote

Cathy Foreman
Helen Fowler
Daniel Frantom
Linda Fry
Dana Gamble
Nancy Geisman



Larry Gibson
Alice Giesy
Donald Gilbert
Nancy Glander
Mary Ann Golden
Bonnie Good



David Greisinger
Bonnie Greulach
Cheryl Gribler
Robert Grove
Daniel Gunsett
Kathleen Gunsett



Brad Hall
Norene Hall
Kathy Haller
Charles Harris
Joyce Harrow
Carol Harvey



Linda Hasselswerth
William Hawk
Gary Hertel
Nancy Hertel
Gary High
Deborah Hirn



Largest Class in History Invades VWHS



Aren't you wondering WHO took this picture?



Freshmen jump to their feet to yell, "Beat Shawnee?"

After-game dances are especially popular with freshmen.



Freshmen Find Much to Keep Them Busy —



Judy Hirn
Darragh Hitchcock
James Hoersten
Phil Holmes
Roy Horther
Pamela Hoverman

Dorothy Hunter
Sharon Hunter
Wanda Hurless
Kathy Jackson
Elizabeth Jerome
Maynard Jerome

Robert Jewell
Robert Johnson
Janet Jones
Michael Kanable
Kenneth Keltner
Dennis Kerns

Nancy Kimmey
Danny Kline
Max Klutka
Mascia Kreischer
Cathy Krugh
Karen Lamb



Karen Laudick
Sandra Lehman
Sharon Leiter
David Lewis
Terry Longwell
Robert Lynch

Ronald McClellan
Carolyn McCoy
Susan McNeill
Christine Mason
Gale Matthews
Richard Matthews

Linda Medaugh
Diane Mercer
Diana Miller
Sandra Miller
Dennis Mills
Kathy Mohr

Richard Moore
Lyda Morgan
David Mosier
Tom Mosier
Alan Murphy
Mary Lou Myers

Dates, Homework, Dates, Clubs, Dates, Sports

Robin Myers
Gorden Palmer
Daniel Parsons
Kenneth Parsons
Penny Parsons
Ronald Parsons

Barry Pate
Clifton Pessefall
John Phillips
Mike Poling
Larry Pollock
James Price

James Prill
Jane Prill
Trena Proffitt
Michael Ralston
Kay Reece
Paula Reynolds

Diane Rickard
David Riley
Kathy Rinard
Michael Rodman
Barbara Rogers
Carrol Rogers





Randall Routt
Donald Saum
Ronald Schriver
Nancy Schumm
Rhonda Schwartz
Robert Sealscott



Jessie Searfoss
James Secaur
Stephen Sennebogen
Diane Shaffer
George Sheehan
Michael Shinaberry



Paul Shock
Michael Showalter
Kenneth Siders
Dennis Sinning
Jack Sites
Joy Smith



Karla Smith
Robert Smith
Sheryl Smith
Larry Snyder
Marcia Snyder
Deborah Speakman

The Newness Has Worn Off, but Anticipation

Douglas Speakman
Daniel Spencer
Patrick Stanley
Theresa Stripe
Robert Stuckey
Linda Sudlow



Linda Swoveland
Robert Tangeman
Georgia Thomas
Janice Thomas
Paula Thomas
Virginia Thomas



Audrey Trim
Marlene Turner
James Tyas
Marcia Urton
Linda VanAusdall
Steven Van Fleet



Linda Vickery
Marie Wagonrod
David Waldron
Linda Walker
Jerry Walters
John Warden



Diana Watson
Deborah Webb
David Weck
Martha Weck
John Wehage
Craig Wilkinson



William Williams
Michael Williman
Linda Diane Wilso
Gayle Winhover
Sam Wise
Susan Wolverson



Carol Youtsey
Michael Zartman
Roger McMichael



NOT PICTURED

Ora Duncan
Tim Gorman
William Jenkins
Dana Johns
David Lauhran
Linda Miller
Sidney Showalter
Larry Taylor
Michael Taylor
Linda Wilson

for the Coming Years Still Mounts



The old senior locker room took on a new look this year as freshmen used it for the first time.

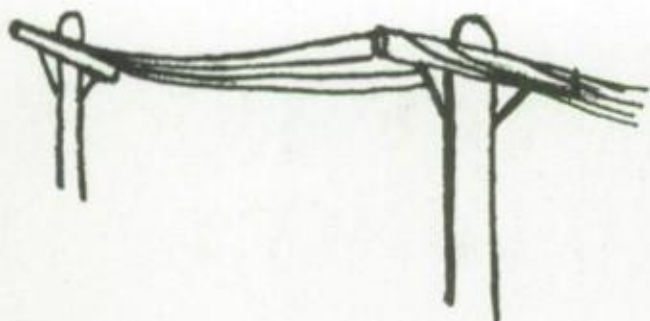


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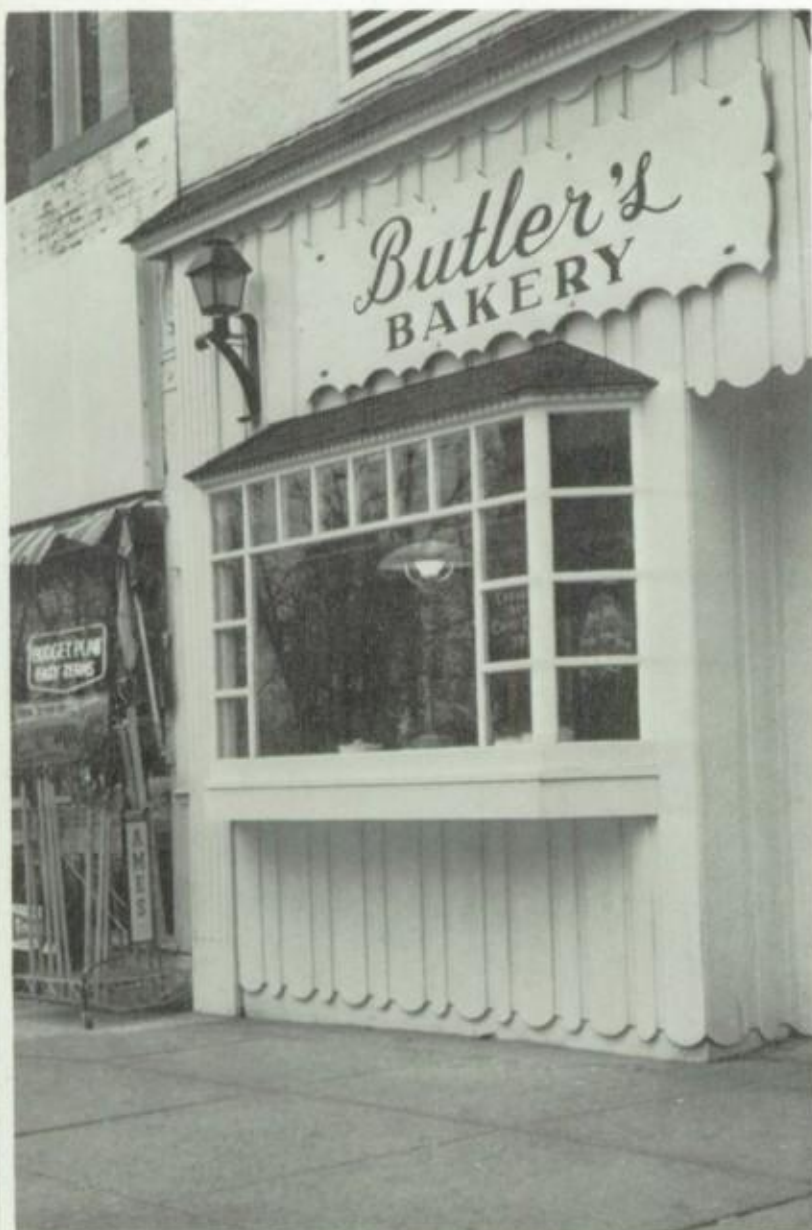
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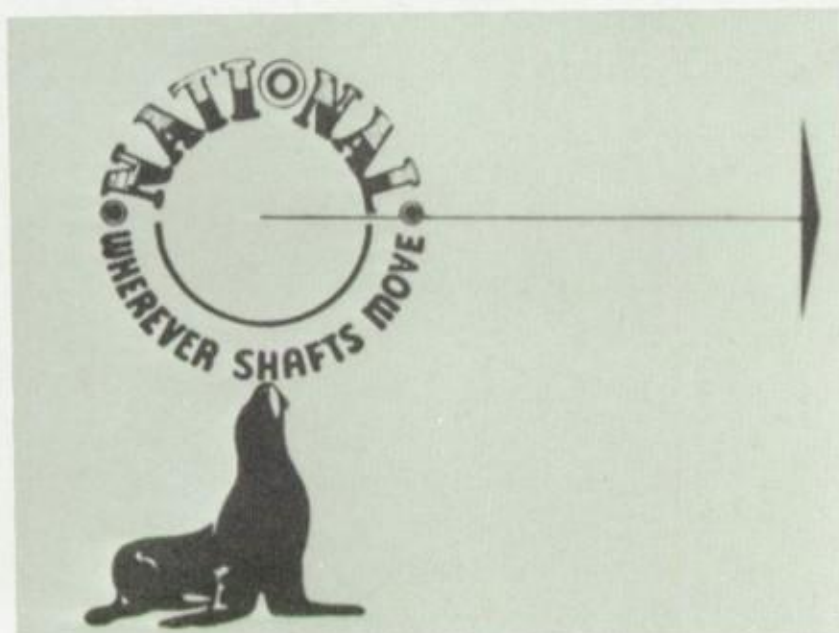
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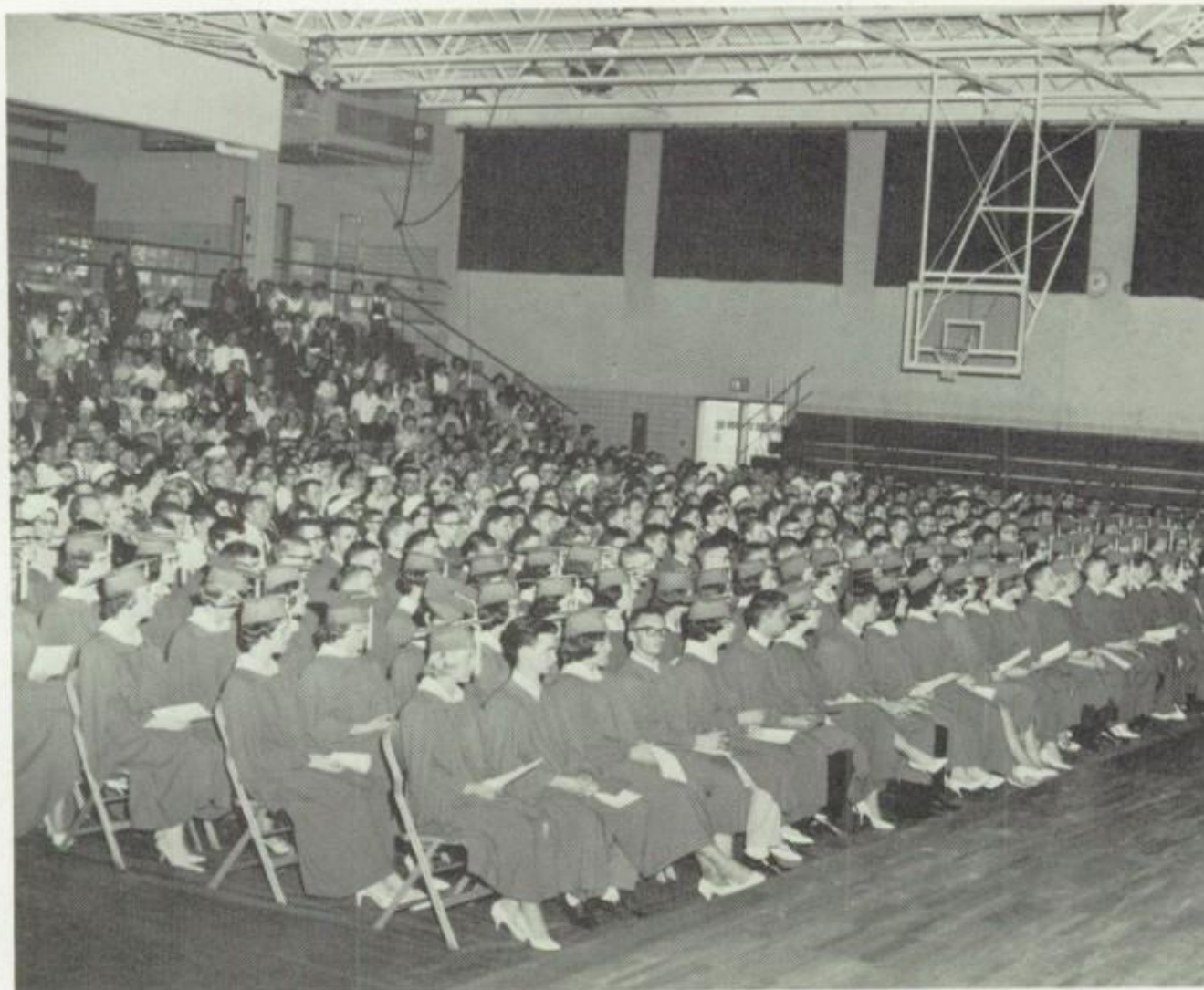
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The Reverend Edwin Endicott, father of senior Phil Endicott, preached a very inspiring sermon.



The seniors proceed solemnly into the auditorium as proud parents and teachers watch.



Seniors listen attentively to the Baccalaureate sermon.

Baccalaureate Services

Sunday, May 24, 1964 6:30 P.M.

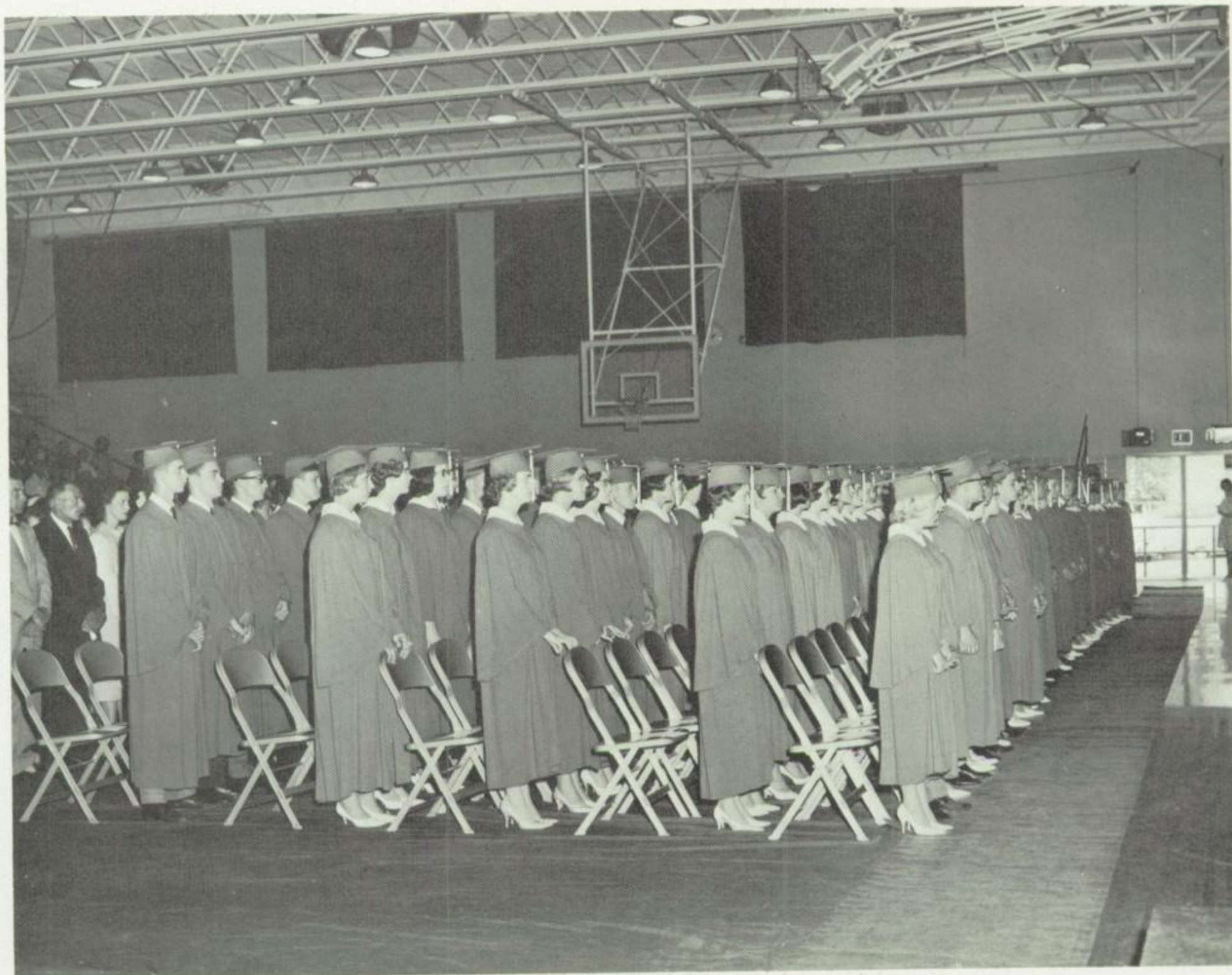
Processional, "Coronation March"	Meyerbeer
Van Wert High School Band	
Invocation	The Reverend Ralph Holbrook
Calvary Baptist Church	
"O Sing Unto the Lord a New Song"	Glarum
Van Wert High School Choir	
Scripture Lesson, 1 John 4, 7-16 . . .	
The Reverend Robert L. McCachran	
First Presbyterian Church	
"Psalm 150"	Lewendowski
Van Wert High School Choir	
Baccalaureate Sermon "And God Loves You"...	
The Reverend Edwin Endicott	
Trinity E.U.B. Church	
Benediction	The Reverend Jerry Allen Flueckiger
St. Peters United Church of Christ	
Recessional, Slow March from "Scipio"	Handel
Van Wert High School Band	



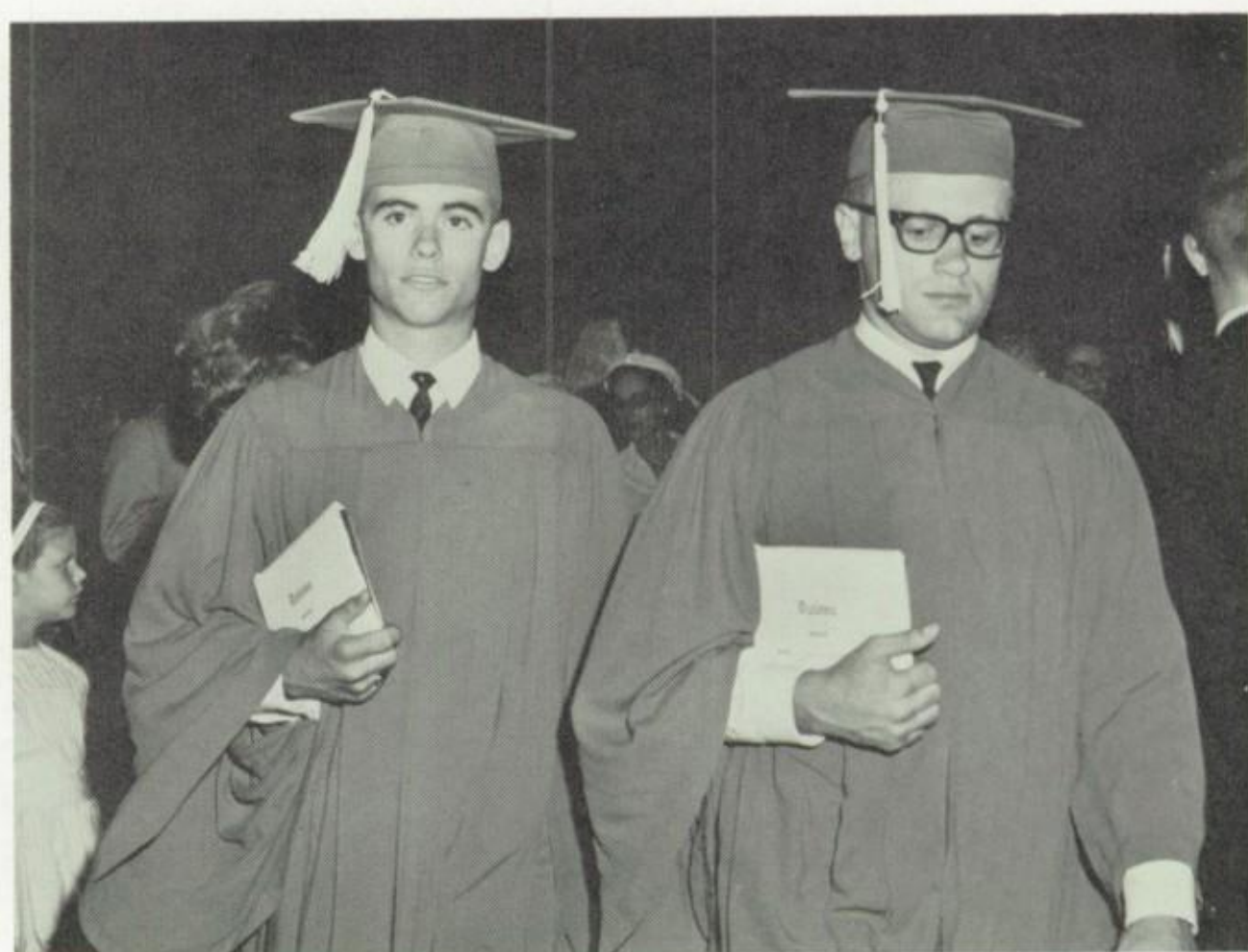
93rd Annual Commencement

May 26, 1964 6:30 P.M.

Processional, "Pomp and Circumstance"	Elger
Van Wert High School Band	
National Anthem	High School Band
Invocation	The Reverend Robert L. McCachran
First Presbyterian Church	
"Ours is the World"	Morgan
Van Wert High School Choir	
"Brother James' Air"	Arr. Jacob
Van Wert High School Choir	
Van Wert High School Alma Mater	
Introduction of Speaker	Mr. R. D. Bennett
Superintendent of Schools	
Class Address "The American Success Story?" . . .	Dr. Willard Fox
Chairman, Department of Education	
Bowling Green State University	
Presentation of Class	Mr. Vernon J. Johnson
Principal of Van Wert High School	
Presentation of Diplomas	Board of Education
"America"	High School Band
Benediction	The Reverend Edwin Endicott
Trinity E.U.B. Church	
Recessional, "Pilgrim Chorus"	Wagner
Van Wert High School Band	



Presenting the Class of 1964.



Jim Drake and Larry Mengerink leave the auditorium as graduates of Van Wert High School.

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Stay as nice as you
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Karen Landvik

"67"

Nancy,
To the nicest
and most wonderful
person in the world.
Stay as nice as you
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Best of luck!
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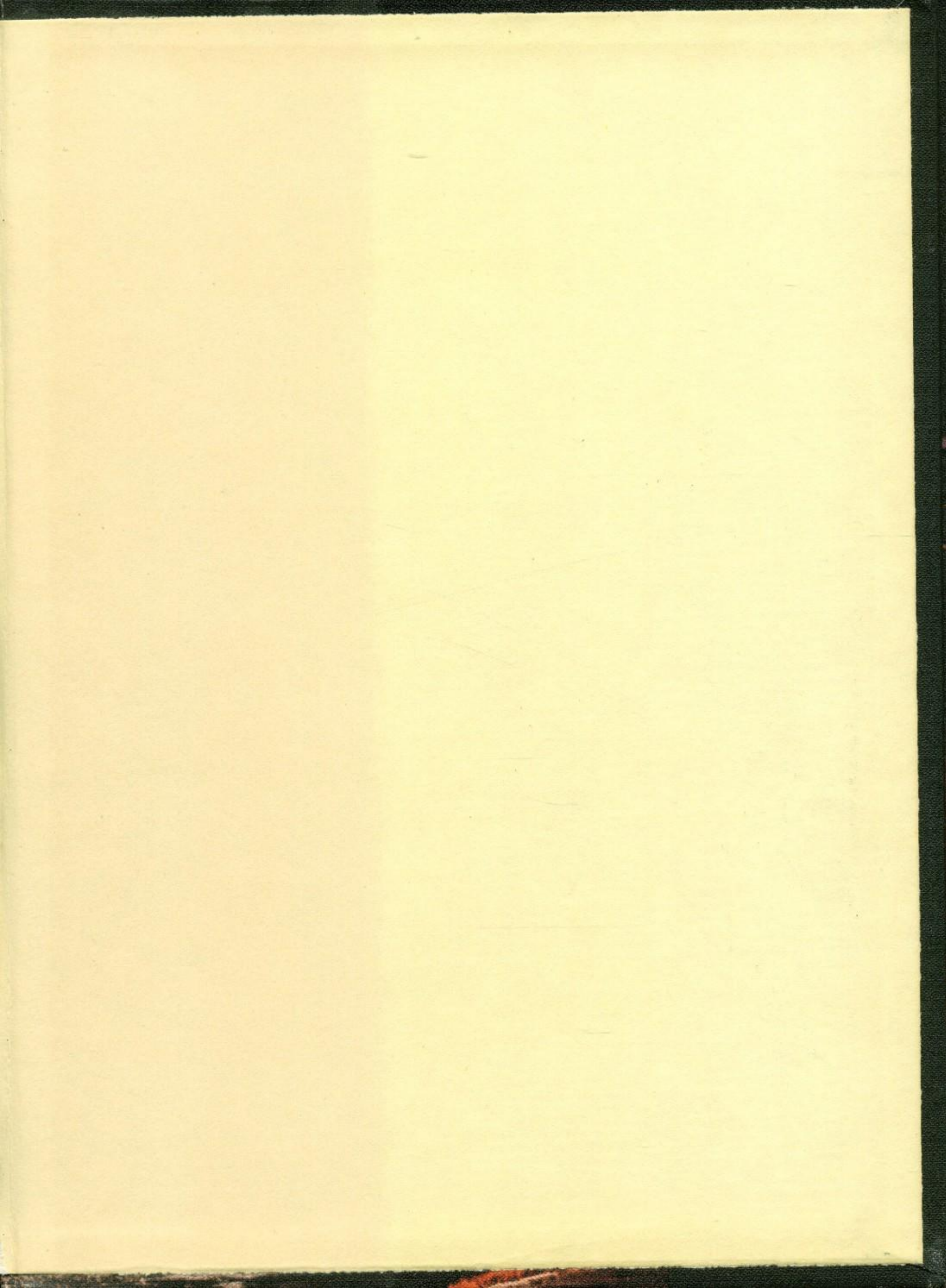
Nancy,

Best wishes for
everything in your
remaining H.S. years
& the future. You'll
do fine, I know.

Sharon
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Nancy,
To the nicest
girl I know with
a great personality.
Always stay as nice
as you are.
Best of luck!

Sharon
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